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Volunteers wanted for cemetery clean-up

Jim Ladner and committee have scheduled a work detail for the Bayou LaCroix Cemetery, beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. All volunteers are welcome. Lunch will be provided. Please bring own soft drinks.

Senior Citizens of Waveland meet Mon.

Senior Citizens of Waveland will meet Monday at 10 a.m. at American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Nominations to elect officers next month and plans for a Christmas outing will top the business of the day.

Save Our Children board meeting

The Save Our Children board will meet Monday at the center, 6:30 p.m., to discuss recruitment of new board members and revision of existing board duties.

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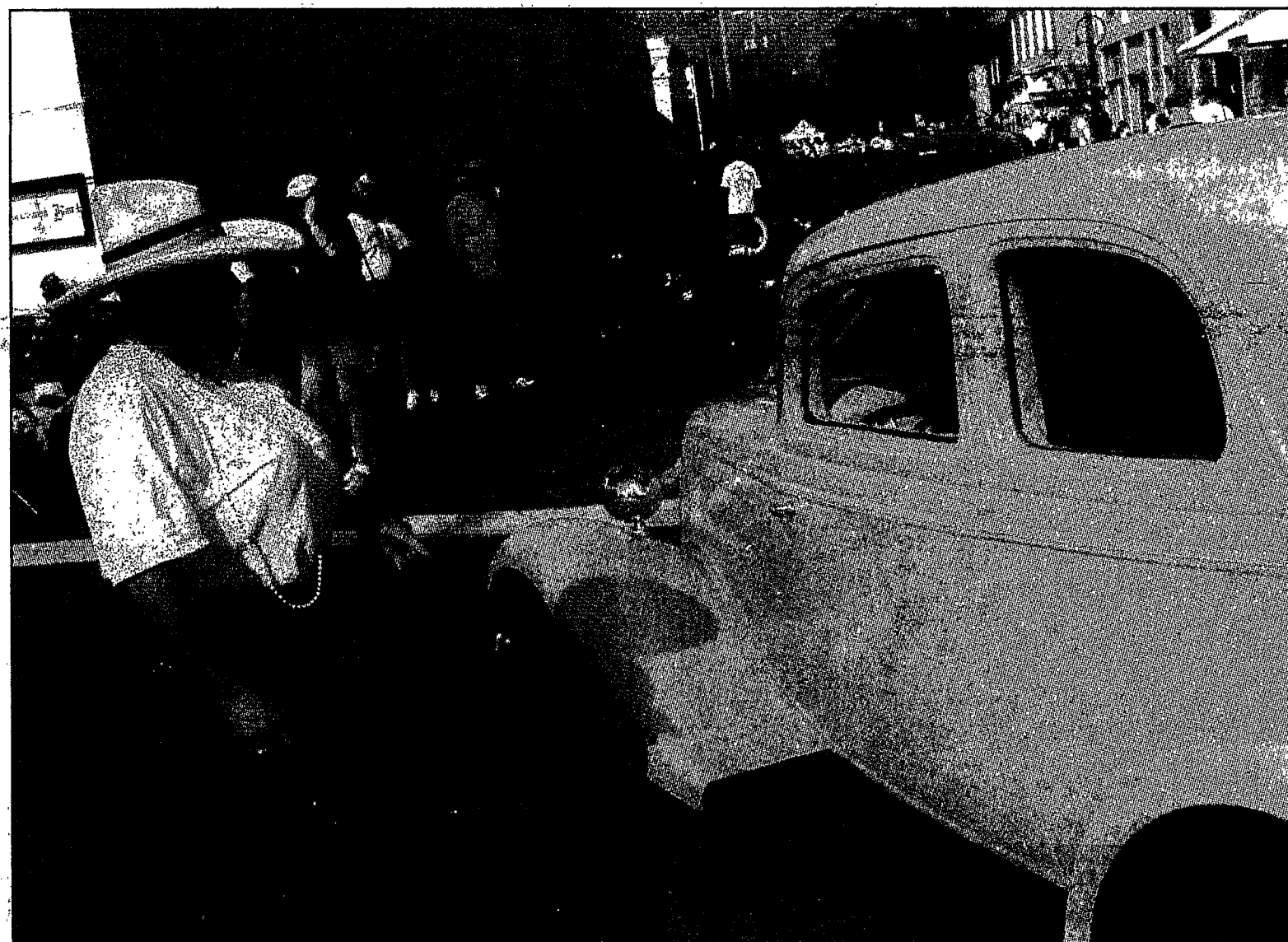
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Cruisin' 2002



Leroy Johns, above left, and his partner B.B. Babin (not pictured) played dress-up Saturday to entertain while directing traffic during Cruisin' the Coast in downtown Bay St. Louis.

Early estimates: This year's CTC a record-breaker

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Classic cars, spectators and vendors began rolling into town on Tuesday. By Friday, the streets were filled to capacity with car lovers.

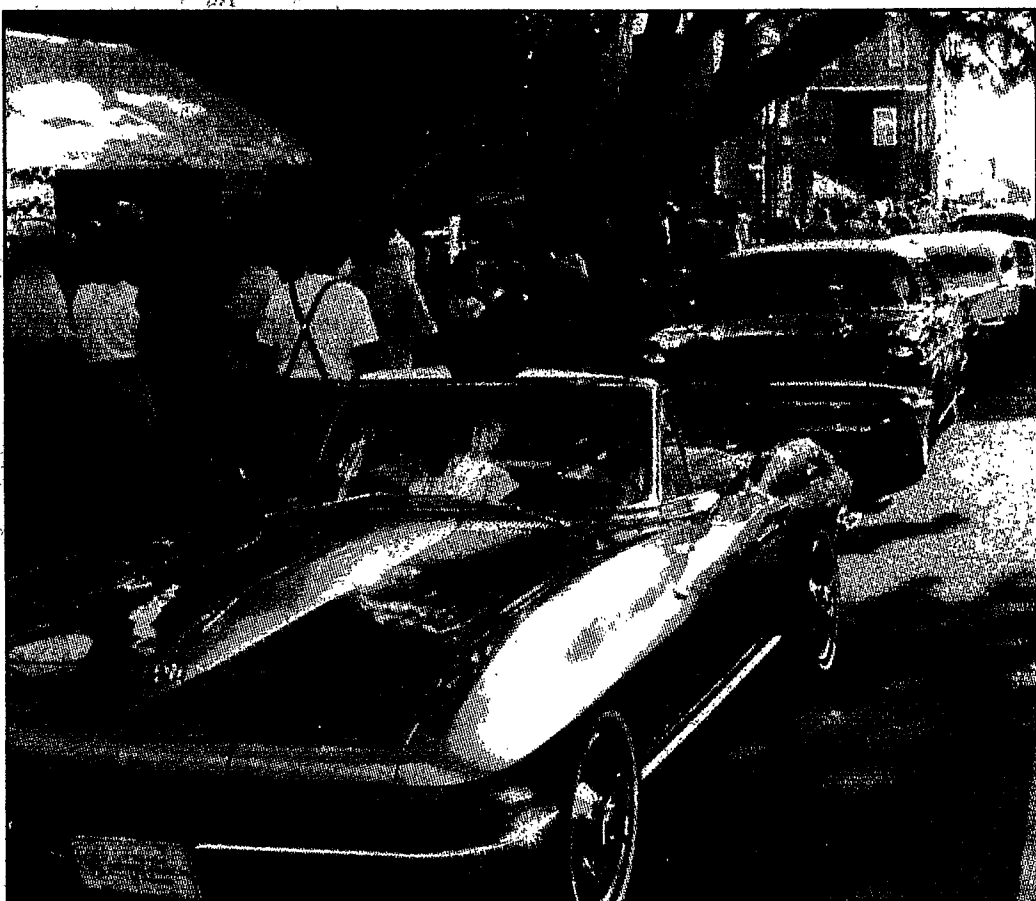
Around 2 p.m. on Friday, Trapani's Eatery was full of diners with no sign of slowing down for hours yet. Owner Tony Trapani expected to break last year's sales record by Saturday.

He said the waiting line started around 11:15 each morning and ended about 6:30 each evening. Trapani said his patrons were very understanding about the wait.

"Everybody is really laid back," he said. "They know it's going to be busy so they're very patient."

Like many other local business owners, Trapani said he looks forward to the annual event.

"Cruisin' the Coast gets us through November and December," he said. "Those are the slow months for everyone in the restaurant business."



Main Street in Bay St. Louis looks like a time warp as classic cars from every automotive era cruise by.

Another local who anticipates Cruisin' the Coast was Al Green, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

This was the fourth year the church set up a booth in front of the church on Main Street to provide free

food and drinks.

Green said a bucket for donations was set out each year and the church usually broke even. He said the purpose of the booth was to meet the

CRUISIN'--PAGE 2A

Supers delay action on pesticide

Kellar: Board waiting for word from health dept.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is delaying the removal of a toxic substance found under the historic county courthouse last month until it gets some advice from other agencies, Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar said Friday.

Kellar said the board wanted to avoid any type of knee-jerk reaction to the situation, and is waiting to hear from people knowledgeable on the subject before determining the best, most cost-effective solution.

"We're still here waiting for direction from the state health department and others like that," Kellar said. "We want somebody that's unbiased and without a financial interest in it."

"If removal of the dirt is in order, then so be it."

The problem became evi-

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Fighting cancer with a racket

Coast women
host fundraiser

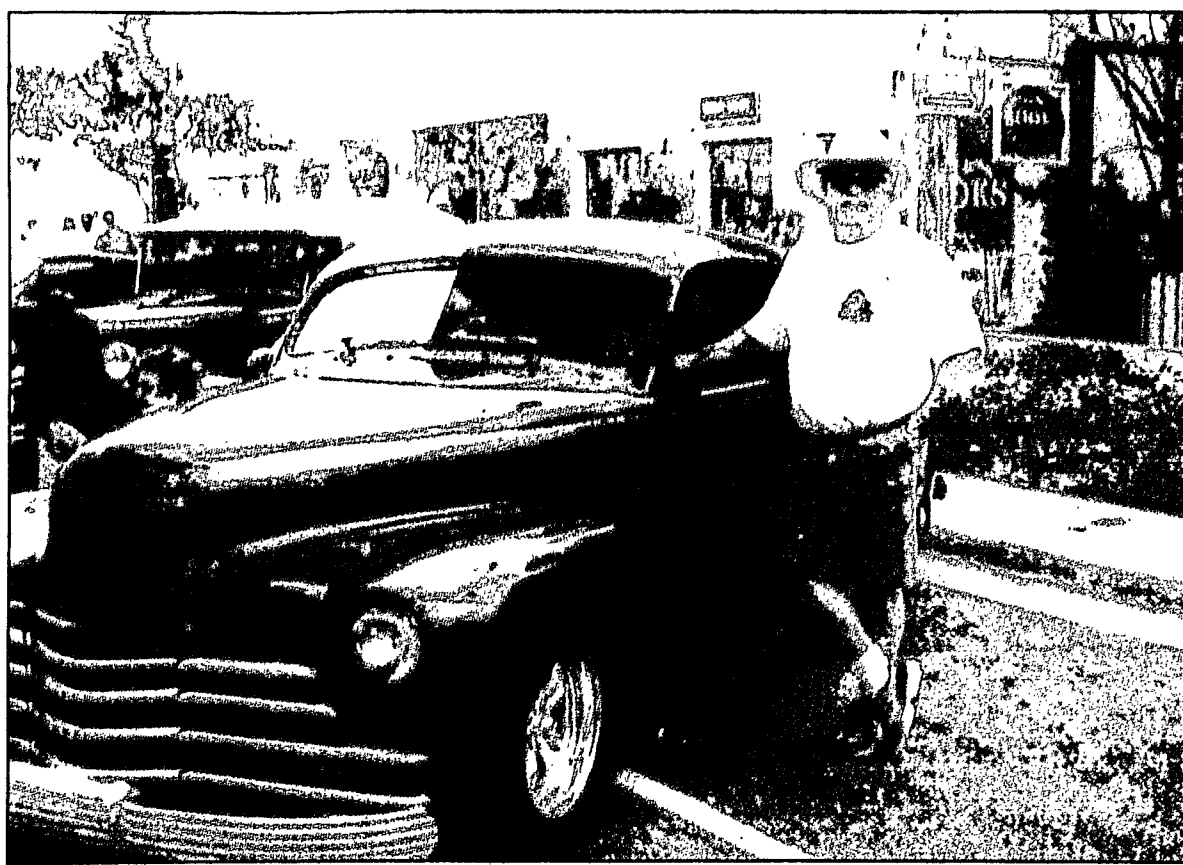
BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

A group of Coast women began fighting breast cancer last year with racquets and tennis balls.

They fought their battle on the courts of the Gulf Coast Tennis Club in Gulfport in 2001 and will return this year for the 2nd Annual Komen Autumn Classic Oct. 18-20.

The benefit, hosted by the Gulf Coast Tennis Club and the Coast Medical Alliance, began as an idea about three years ago after a group of female tennis players struck up a conversation

CANCER--PAGE 7A



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
Cruisin' brought visitors to Bay St. Louis from all over the U.S. Here, Ron Graves stands by his black cherry pearl 1948 Chevrolet, which he brought from Marlon, Ill.

Cruisin'

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community, not to make money.

"We want to be a smiling face for visitors to the community," said Green, who estimated about 60 to 100 volunteers helped during the event.

Other locals involved with the seventh annual event were the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

Chief Frank McNeil said officers were positioned at every barricade in Old Town and had reported no incidents.

"We have a great crowd," McNeil said. "We haven't had any problems. There have been no complaints from the cruisers."

Two cruisers confirmed McNeil's statement.

"I just think Bay St. Louis is really neat," said Leroy Maybry of Landrum,

S.C., who has participated twice in the event. "I like the atmosphere."

Maybry and his wife, Taska, brought their 1938 Hupmobile in vermilion red.

"I like Cruisin' the Coast better than other car shows," he said. "The people are friendly, and the towns are beautiful."

Ron Graves, of Marion, Ill., agreed.

This was also Graves' second year to cruise the streets of Bay St. Louis in his black cherry pearl 1948 Chevrolet.

Graves said he learned about Cruisin' the Coast from some friends in Kentucky.

"They said it was the neatest cruise there is, and they were right," Graves said.

Bay St. Louis resident

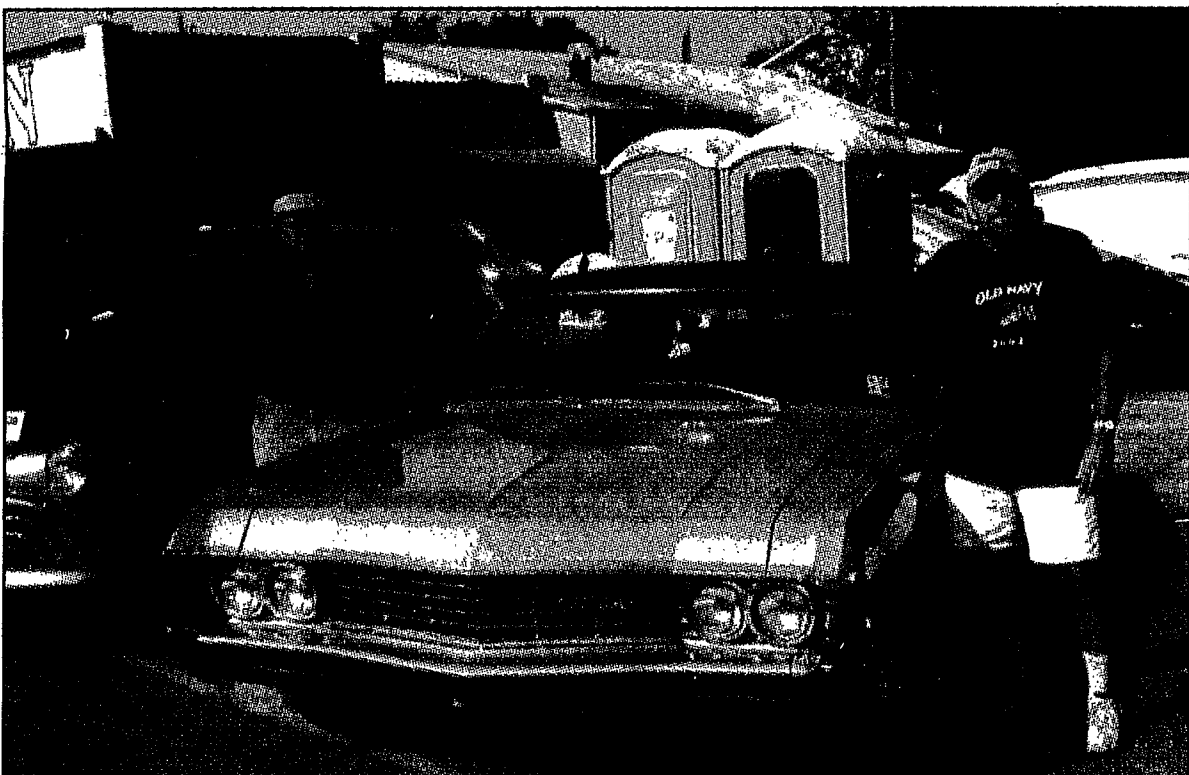
Bob Delcuze found his own way to make non-locals feel at home in the Bay. He provided several colored makers for cruisers to sign his 1940 LaSalle Coup.

Since his classic car did not have a paint job, he figured the colorful signatures of fellow cruisers' vehicles' makes, models and years would be sufficient for now. They also signed their hometowns.

"I thought it would give people something to do," he said.

Delcuze, who has participated in the event for four years, said the person who lived furthest from the Coast who signed his car was from England.

"They didn't have their car with them," he said with a smile. "But, I let them sign it anyway."



Look for more Cruisin' the Coast photos on page 1B of this edition of the Echo.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Oct. 4 to Oct. 11. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

• David S. Freimanis, 26, parole violation
 • Charles T. Lampton, 28, parole violation
 • Martin E. Tanguis, 43, disturbance of a family (domestic)
 • Dawn Mix, 36, simple assault, contempt of court
 • Michael L. Denza, 29, simple assault (domestic), simple assault on correctional officer
 • Amanda D. LeBicz, 25, simple assault (domestic)
 • Kevin Lacoste, 38, driving with suspended driver's license, expired tag, possession of controlled substance
 • Richard Jordan, 31, contempt of court
 • Melissa A. Summers, 22, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct
 • Jack Welch, 56, harassment
 • Keith J. Murphy, 48, careless driving, DUI

• Ben W. Kapp, 34, driving with suspended driver's license
 • Teresa Billings, 28, disturbance of a family
 • Pashun J. Robinson, 21, simple assault (domestic)
 • Oliver Cagle, 42, driving with suspended driver's license, reckless driving
 • Robert E. Thompson, 46, contempt of court
 • Wilford Hill, 39, bad check felony, contempt of court
 • Tammy L. Stockstill, 32, DUI (1st), careless driving, contempt of court
 • Germaine Devon Lymuel, 28, disorderly conduct
 • George Nephew, 22, simple assault
 • Harold R. Eure III, 36, DUI, expired tag, speeding
 • Donell Taylor, 49, DUI (3rd)
 • John January III, 33, aggravated assault (warrant), DUI (2nd), no insurance, leaving scene of an accident, no driver's license, expired tag, following too close
 • Melissa A. Wesner, 33, public drunk, simple

assault (domestic)
 • Shawn Warren, 22, contempt of court
 • Frank G. Palermo, 69, simple assault (warrant)
 • Mary C. Sellier, 31, phone harassment, simple assault by threat
 • Jason Duffy, 28, contempt of court (warrant)
 • Richard D. Coulter, 42, wanted person (hold for Wisconsin)
 • Donna Nash Peterson, 40, hold for Pearl River Sheriff's Office
 • Grant A. Wilkerson, 18, uttering forgery
 • Jennifer Vanderford, 20, simple assault (domestic)
 • Daniel Vanderford, 22, simple assault (domestic)
 • Paul W. Labbe, 45, DUI (1st), no driver's license
 • Robert Harverson, 26, simple assault (domestic)
 • Stephen L. Fairley, 28, contempt of court (failure to appear)
 • Reginald D. Laneaux, 43, driving with suspended driver's license, no seat belt, possession of paraphernalia, no insurance, disorderly conduct
 • John DuBassion, 31, manufacturing meth

• Thomas Farve, 37, failure to yield right-of-way
 • Willie Dedeaux, 37, false information, suspended driver's license, speeding
 • Arthur Hicks III, 35, hold for Pearl River Sheriff's Office
 • Kevin Lacoste, 38, possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute
 • Chris Downing, 19, no seat belt, resisting arrest by flight, ran stop sign, aggravated assault on police officer, reckless driving, improper equipment, failure to yield to blue lights, no driver's license, improper passing, failure to yield right-of-way, driving on wrong side
 • Mark "Mutt" Dahl, 40, simple assault (warrant), sale of cocaine
 • Ronald W. Howard, 45, public drunk
 • Michelle C. Brown, 42, DUI (2nd), possession of paraphernalia, simple assault (domestic), child neglect
 • Patricia Garside, 37, petit larceny (warrant)
 • Neil Gautier, 47, hold for Kentucky

Cook-out, Music Fest set for Saturday at Depot

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The 24th annual Cook-out and Music Fest will be held all day Saturday, Oct. 19 on the grounds of the historic Bay St. Louis Depot in Bay St. Louis.

"It's a day for all the family," say event chairpersons Danny Johnson and Faith Koger, "and will be something the entire community can enjoy."

The day is sponsored by the Hancock County Republican Party, and very special guests will be Mississippi's two senators, Thad Cochran and Trent Lott.

Cochran and Lott will be speaking along with other distinguished Mississippi visitors, local candidates and a 'surprise mystery guest.'

Marine Life Oceanarium of Gulfport is providing an

outstanding exhibit of marine and coastal wildlife with 'give-aways' for kids and adults.

In addition, the Sea Wolves mascot and several Sea Wolves players will sign autographs with 'give-aways' for children and adults.

Among others attending, Jonathan Alcox's Republican Market from Florida features unique patriotic attire and memorabilia.

A rare guitar from one vendor will be raffled, and USA Today's best-selling romance novelist, author Hailey North, will be signing and selling her newest book, *Tangled Up In Love*.

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Misfits Car Club's large antique car show as well as an extensive top-quality craft show.

Commercial vendors and displays of special interest will be on hand as well.

Featured music begins at 11 a.m. with the combined church choirs of Diamondhead presenting a program of patriotic and spiritual songs and continues throughout the day with performances by the popular bands Country Sounds, The Silver City Revue Show Band, The Driscoll Mountain Band, Bay High's Jazz Band, The "Jam" Band, gospel artists, other bands and guest musicians.

All your favorite foods will be available, including the famous Republican Barbecued Chicken with full course dinner by Chef Tommy Kidd and Susan Kidd Blaché.

Tickets for the dinner are \$7. Purchase of dinner tickets offer an opportunity to

win one of the many 'door prizes' and are on sale now.

Other food booths will be pizza from Domino's, hamburgers, hot dogs and Cajun food featuring Jambalaya and Alligator on a Stick.

Fun activities for children will be plentiful, so parents can shop the specialty booths and enjoy a relaxing time under the Depot's oaks. Entry to the day is free. Grounds close at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 467-4575, 547-8237 or 255-9884.

Joan

COLEMAN

For MAYOR of WAVELAND

!!! HIGHER UTILITY BILLS !!!

Effective November 1, 1982, the city of Waveland, under Mayor John Longo, Jr., entered in to a thirty year contract with the Southern Regional Wastewater Management District by which "the District" would provide the wastewater treatment service to the city. The city agreed to pay for monthly services, by estimated flow, a one third share of all administrative costs and bonds due by "the District".

Currently Mayor Tommy Longo, Waveland, Mayor Eddie Favre, Bay St. Louis, and Rocky Pullman, President of Hancock County Board of Supervisors, administer the operations of the Southern Regional Wastewater Management District. An \$11 Million expansion and improvement project has just been completed.

Page 9, section 6b of the current contract states, "It is further agreed that the cost of improvements to accommodate new users shall be borne by the new users and the District shall so provide in any contract executed with the new users." Now "the District" wants to expand and service additional areas of the county, but at our expense. "The District", Mayor Longo, Mayor Favre and President Pullman, have asked that we enter into a NEW service contract and agree to pay 27 percent of the costs to operate "the District", PLUS 31.5 percent of the cost of the new expansions to Kiln, Pearlinton, and other county areas.

Your aldermen must approve this new service contract. Mayor Longo has said that there should not be any increase in costs to the city. But, the city has included \$18,014 per month in next year's budget to pay the additional charges, representing Waveland's share of the new loan for the above expansion. The new contract wants Waveland to agree to these charges for another 23 years. Who do YOU think will pay for this? I think we should continue under the old contract that doesn't end until September 30, 2007 until we can negotiate a better one. PLEASE CALL OUR ALDERMEN AND ATTEND THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Waveland built the original treatment plant. In 1980, the value was reported at \$2 million. Under the existing contract "the District" has paid Waveland a monthly lease fee of \$1206.00. Currently this amount totals \$361,800, over 25 years with a buy out of \$1.00 at the end. The new contract wants to continue this \$1206.00 per month. Does this seem equitable? I don't think so. Any new contract should definitely raise the rent.

It is time for a change. I do not think the Southern Regional Wastewater Management District should be directed by three people. There should be a citizens oversight committee. When the other municipalities join in wastewater services, they should also have representation on the board.

I AM THE PERSON TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE FINANCIAL MESSES AND IMPROVE THE COFFERS FOR WAVELAND. PLEASE VOTE FOR JOAN COLEMAN ON NOVEMBER 5th. REMEMBER,

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Light the Night Walk is Tuesday

With hurricane Lily long gone, the first annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light the Night® Walk has been rescheduled for Oct. 15 on Scenic Drive at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the walk at 7 p.m. Please join your friends, family and neighbors for this evening walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer.

Participants carry illuminated balloons - white for

cancer survivors and red for supporters - brightening the sky along the two- to three-mile walk.

Funds raised through individual and corporate Light the Night® contributions support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

Individuals and teams of people are welcome. There is no registration fee, but

anyone who raised \$25 or more will get to carry one of the society's illuminated balloons.

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to honor or remember loved ones by placing their names on special dedication banners.

For additional information or to register, contact the Mississippi Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 601-956-7447 or 877-538-5364.

Hancock school dist. schedules hurricane make-up days

The Hancock County Board of Education has approved the following make-up days due to the recent inclement weather:

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 Friday, Nov. 1
 Information about other make-up days will be decided in the near future.

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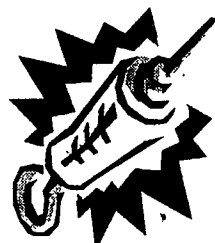
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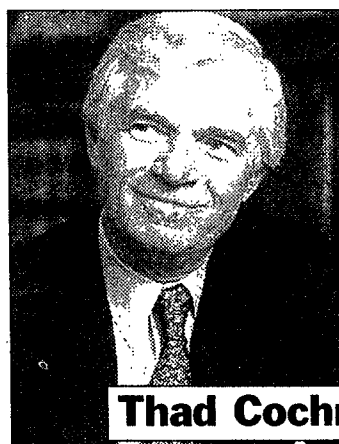
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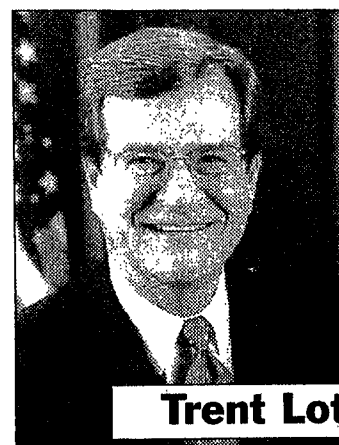
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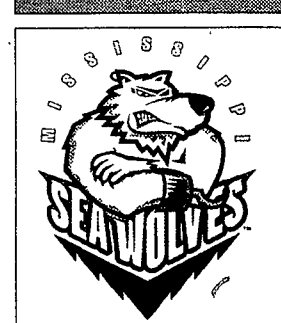
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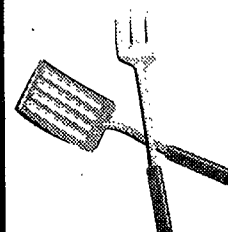
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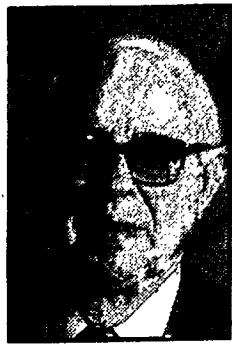
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The community was saddened with the death of Earl (Buck) Ladner, Jr. age 54, on Monday.

Buck, a Kiln native, was well known throughout the county.

He was a deputy sheriff for four years, justice of the peace for four years and served as a state representative for four years.

He was president of Gulf Coast Security from 1980 until his death.

Buck always seemed to have a smile on his face and willing to help anyone in need.

In addition to Buck, I have known many of his family members for years.

To all of Buck's family and friends, he will be greatly missed by so many folks from the community.

Residents of the City of Waveland this week were saddened by the death of Herman L. Yarborough, age 76, who died Monday.

Yarborough grew up in a family of 11 children, many of whom I have known all of my life.

He was very active in his native Waveland all of his life. He was an elected alderman, a position he held for a total of 14 years. He was also the city's mayor pro-tem and superintendent of the city's work crews.

He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 77.

As a leader of Waveland's work crews, he was always receiving compliments on his leadership abilities.

Herman's family and many friends know that his contributions to his native Waveland area will be long remembered by so many.

It seems Mother Nature is trying to make up for lost time with the amount of rain we have had during the past month.

Thursday's rains were

very heavy for Hancock County and slowed down Cruisin' a bit, but when the rains left, the cars began to move across the Coast.

I have had several conversations with folks on how the conditions of the vehicles for the 2002 Cruisin' the Coast sure have improved.

The owners of the vintage vehicles sure spend a lot of time and money hoping to take the top prizes home.

The number of registered vehicles is once again a record, as it seems to increase each year. Just walking along Main Street on Thursday I saw vehicles from California, Illinois, Georgia, Arkansas, Florida and many other states.

Vintage vehicle ownership seems to be on the increase in this country.

Hopefully all of our visitors had a great time and can take back home good memories of Bay St. Louis and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

On Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., Charles B. (Chuck) Benvenuti, CPA, PA, will be the sponsor for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce *Business After Hours*.

The event is to take place at the Palm House Bed & Breakfast, 217 Union Street, Bay St. Louis.

The Palm House is an authentic 19th century West Indies styled Planter's Home, surrounded by live oaks and palms.

Invited are chamber members and guests for the *After Hours*.

This is a good time to meet and greet old friends and make new acquaintances.

I have been told there will be good snacks and beverages and several door prizes.

I hope to see you at the *October Business After Hours* Thursday evening.

Stopping Saddam should be top priority

After yet another forceful speech by the President, the Senate will likely pass a resolution backing

President George W. Bush in a confrontation with Iraq - military or otherwise. As the President said, war with Iraq is not eminent, and I am confident

President Bush will exercise all options for getting rid of Saddam's regime before a military solution is considered.

However, let's be realistic, military force must be on the table. Nothing short of American lives are at stake,

threatened by an Iraqi dictator who openly idolizes one of the last century's most bloody mass murderers, and who craves

this century's most terrifying weapons. The United Nations and the free world has

given Saddam far too much slack for more than a decade. We have allowed Saddam to repeatedly toy with weapons inspectors and pursue his quest for chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

He has proven time and time again that he will use all weapons at his disposal -

from the gassing of the Kurds in northern Iraq, to his brutal invasions of Iran and Kuwait.

Remember, during the Gulf War he even set oil fields on fire in a last ditch attempt to create a worldwide ecological and environmental disaster.

This man, who openly fancies mass murderer Joseph Stalin, has no moral boundaries. In a post 9/11 world we just cannot allow him to use these weapons against America or our allies, or to pass them on to terrorists like Usama Bin Laden's Al Qaeda network.

The Senate has before it a bipartisan resolution produced by both members of the Senate and House.

It will give the President

the affirmation he needs from Congress to protect America from the Iraq threat, whatever action it may take.

I was pleased to help orchestrate a broad bipartisan sponsorship of this proposal, which includes Democratic Senators Joe Lieberman and Evan Bayh, along with Republican Senators John Warner and John McCain.

There is no question that President Bush has done an exceptional job in the weeks leading up to this debate in Congress.

First, the President candidly confronted those at the United Nations who have been complacent with

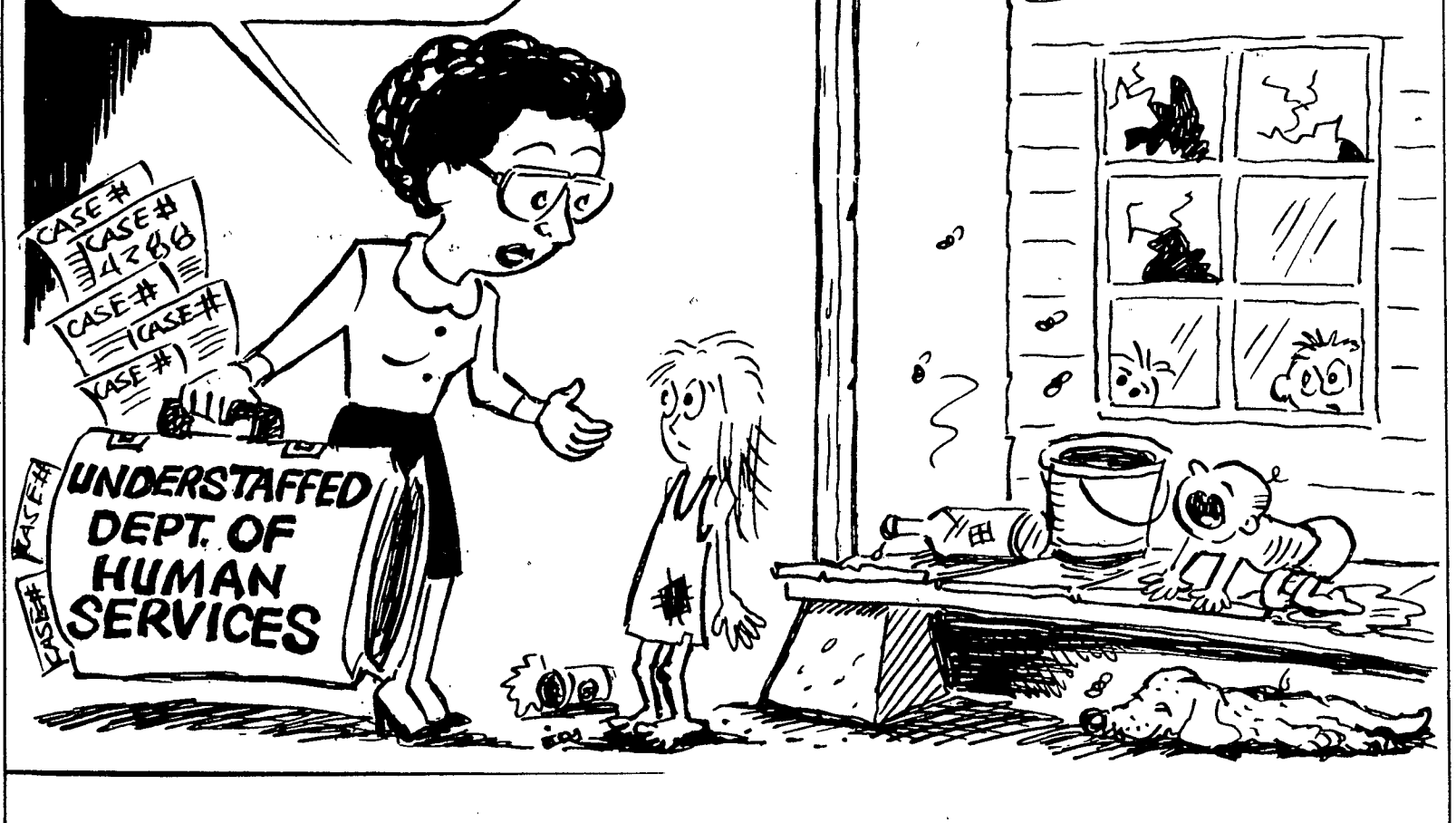
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From the Senate

By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

...AND I THOUGHT WE HAD A SKELETON CREW!



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One day's mail adds up

During the years I have written these columns, I have attempted to keep you informed about Congress and how I feel about various issues facing Mississippi and our nation. However, my most important job is listening to you.

Each month my office receives more than 3,000 letters, calls, e-mails, post cards, opinionaires and faxes from the people of South Mississippi. When I returned to Washington recently after the August district work period, in one 24-hour period I responded to several hundred contacts from constituents.

First, let me explain how the receipt of these letters and other contacts are handled when they reach my office. After the letters are received, they are directed to various staff members who specialize in the issue that is the subject of the letter.

Based on their research of legislation and my views, the appropriate staffers drafts a response to the constituent. I then review, edit

and approve each of the letters that will be sent back to the constituent.

I personally read every letter, e-mail, fax, etc. that is sent to me and then sign all the letters before they are mailed to the citizens who wrote me.

During the 24-hour period I mentioned, South Mississippians gave me their views on a wide range of issues. The number one issue that people wrote me about involved Social Security. More than 200 people were concerned about Social Security "notch" that affects beneficiaries for some retirees. Other senior citizens wrote that they want the consumer price index adjusted for people who received Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

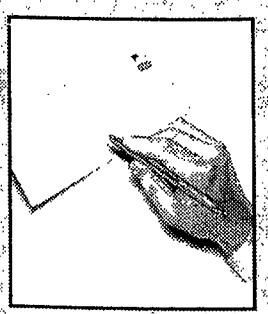
More than 125 people wrote me that they wanted Congress to allow airline pilots to be armed. I supported arming airline pilots when it passed the House.

More than 100 citizens were concerned about the California court decision

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



that didn't allow children to recite "One Nation, Under God" when they gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

This court decision, now being appealed, is absurd and I support the right of all Americans to recite the full Pledge of Allegiance.

South Mississippi is blessed with a large number of veterans, military retirees and men and women who presently serve in the military.

More than 60 letters were received about retired military pay that is wrongfully offset by military duty related disability compensation. I strongly support ending this discrimination against our military retirees

who are disabled. Others wrote me about improving health care for veterans, reform in military survivor benefits and allowing disabled veterans to fly free on military aircraft when space is available. Improved health care for veterans is one of my top priorities.

Health issues are also important. I answered over 40 letters about medical liability reform, biomedical research funding, Medicare prescription drug benefits and increasing Medicare payments to doctors.

South Mississippians have always shown that they care about our environ-

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From the House

By U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor



Clark announces for Hancock county school board District 5

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Chuck Clark, a resident of Diamondhead, has qualified for the November 5 election in the race for District 5 representative of the Hancock County School Board.

Clark has been a resident of Hancock County for seven years and is the son of Charlie and Jean Clark of Gulfport.

He is married to Penny Clark, daughter of D.H. and Merle Martin of the Standard community. They have four children, Elaine Sumrell of Gulfport, Trina Ladner of Perkinston, and Kayla and Britt Ladner, students at Hancock High School.

Clark has served as a youth director at St. Matthew Catholic Church in White Cypress for the past seven years. He is currently a Core team member with the Life Teen Program and an advisor for the Catholic Youth Organization at Annunciation Catholic Church, Kiln. He is also a lector and CDD teacher.

A 1975 graduate of Arlington High School, Texas, he also attended the University of Texas where he studied electrical engineering.

Clark is an Air Force vet-



Chuck Clark, with family.

eran, serving two years at Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, and one year in the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hubert Field, Florida. He also served with the 920th Weather Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base and was honorably discharged in 1980.

He is currently the Management Information Systems director for Coastal Health Centers. With experience in budgeting for seven clinics in the three coastal counties and in Green County, he said, "I know the value of your tax dollars!"

In making his announcement, Clark said, "Our children are our future. I would like to see our children challenged to achieve their full potential and provided them with excellence in academics. I am willing to do all things necessary to support our superintendent and our administrators to achieve that goal."

He added, "I have been attending school board meetings and encourage all parents and community advocates to attend. Great things are possible when the community works together."

Monday is deadline for free political ads

The deadline to submit free political announcements to The Sea Coast Echo for the upcoming election is this Monday, Oct. 14, at 4 p.m. No exceptions.

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I previously stated I would be addressing some of the successes and disappointments that I have experienced as Ward 1 Alderman as well as future plans. This week I feel I must address a major concern and disappointment.

For the past few months I have been challenging the degree of participation, current and future, by the city of Waveland with Southern Regional Wastewater Management District. Waveland residents have been paying for the treatment plant and their share of the costs of expansions to the facility since it was established and built. Under the current contract Waveland pays their proportionate share of the cost of operation and indebtedness of the facility. Under this same contract any cost incurred for any expansion to the facility must be borne entirely by the entity receiving the benefit of that expansion. Under the proposed new contract the shared costs would be determined by flow meters (devices that measure the amount of sewerage discharged into the treatment plant from each entity). I don't disagree with applying this method to the distribution of overhead and treatment costs. But I do disagree with applying this method to incurred indebtedness by the District. Under this method, Waveland would pay approximately 31.5% of the costs of the new expansion.

Thus my challenge: If the majority of the costs of any current or future expansion benefits an entity other than the city of Waveland, why should our citizens have to pay 31.5% of these costs and receive just 10% of the benefit? Our elected officials need to realize the additional burden that this 31.5% would put on our residents. Specifically, we must realize the unbearable burden that this would put on our senior citizens and others who are already overburdened trying to make ends meet on a fixed income, many of which already struggle and do without necessities, including medications.

I support the notion that since we all live in Hancock County we should help with the development of the infrastructure of our county. I would not have a problem asking our citizens to share a reasonable percentage of cost but certainly not 31.5%. At the same time I, as an elected official for the City of Waveland, am bound by my allegiance to our citizens and wholeheartedly support their best interest and well being first and foremost. I therefore cannot support the proposed new contract.

Waveland's Mayor is one of the three member Board of Directors for the Wastewater District that voted to incur the multi million dollar expansion project. At the same time he should represent the best interests and well being of all the citizens of Waveland. As a matter of fact, it might be a good idea for our residents to call our mayor to ask if he supports the proposed new contract.

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Lott -- Saddam

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Saddam's dismissal of everything the United Nations has asked of him.

The President frankly told the UN that if it fails to confront Iraq and make Saddam comply with the UN's own mandates, then the UN's credibility will be at stake, and the organization could become nothing more than an irrelevant debating society, akin to the failed League of Nations which became extinct at the eve of World War II.

Now, the President has laid out a clear case against Iraq before the American people and Congress.

As with the American people, an overwhelming majority in both the Senate and House support a unified, bipartisan effort on the Iraqi question.

Even House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, and Senator Daschle, two of the President's most frequent critics, ignored irrational pleas from their ultra-liberal backers - including a few far-out Hollywood celebrities - to stand with the President and do what is right to protect the American people.

All the world community is asking Saddam to do is fulfill his own promises by allowing international weapons inspectors unfettered access to Iraq.

If he does, inspectors will have their work cut out for

them. I understand there are as many as 700 sites in Iraq that could house biological or chemical devices, or the precursors to nuclear weapons.

If Saddam again defies the world community, I am confident this U.S. President and his administration will take decisive action backed by Congress.

Destroying Saddam's weapons capabilities and sites once and for all - by any means - must be the priority right now in our War on Terror.

I have sat in many classified briefings relating to Saddam's weapons capability, and that of his terrorist cohorts.

I refrain from discussing the terrible scenarios which could develop from one vile of smallpox or a suitcase-sized nuclear weapon in the wrong hands.

Suffice it to say it is not pretty, and America is definitely vulnerable to this type of attack.

If we get rid of Saddam, we will cleanse the world of a self-described disciple of Stalin.

Stopping this new Stalin before he uses the world's most terrible weapons will likely save lives, including American lives.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott 487

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20510 (Attn: Press Office)

Taylor

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ment. I responded to more than 50 letters dealing with the lifting of individual fishing quotas, forest conservation, marine conservation, protection of endangered species and other environmental issues.

I also heard from constituents and replied to them about public housing, Realtors who are opposed to banks getting into the real estate business, Internet and telecommunications issues, illegal immigration, the United Nations, congressional spending and our

nation's increasing national debt. I always welcome your thoughts about issues that are important to you. I presently represent approximately 600,000 Mississippians according to the 2000 U.S. Census. When our state's delegation in the U.S. House is reduced from five seats to four in 2003, I will represent almost 720,000 people.

I promise I will continue to listen to what you write about and I will personally read and respond to every letter, e-mail, fax and call.



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Federal aid programs for disaster recovery

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available as needed and warranted under President Bush's major disaster declaration issued for Mississippi as a result of damage from Tropical Storm Isidore.

Assistance for Affected Individuals and Families Can Include as Required:

- Rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable. Initial assistance is provided for up to three months for homeowners and at least one month for renters.

Assistance may be extended if requested after the initial period based on a review of individual applicant requirements. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

- Grants for minimal emergency repairs not covered by insurance to make damaged homes habitable. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

- Grants to make essential home repairs, replace personal property and help meet medical, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal state and charitable aid pro-

grams. Typical grants average about \$2,500. (Source: FEMA funded at 75 percent of total eligible costs; state administered.)

- Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster and who do not qualify for state benefits, such as self-employed individuals. (Source: FEMA funded; state administered.)

- Low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans available up to \$200,000 for primary residence; \$40,000 for personal property, including renter losses. Loans available up to \$1.5 million for business property losses not fully compensated by insurance. (Source: US Small Business Administration.)

- Loans up to \$1.5 million for small businesses that have suffered disaster-related cash flow problems and need funds for working capital to recover from the disaster's adverse economic impact. This loan in combination with a property loss loan cannot exceed a total of \$1.5 million. (Source: U.S. Small Administration.)

- Loans up to \$500,000 for farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators to

cover production and property losses, excluding primary residence. (Source: Farm Service Agency, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.)

- Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster, income tax assistance (or filing casualty losses; advisory assistance for legal, veterans benefits and social security matters.

Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include as Required:

- Payment of 75 percent of the eligible cost for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas and similar publicly owned property as well as certain private non-profit organizations engaged in public service activities. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

- Payment of 75 percent of the eligible costs for removing debris from public areas and for emergency measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.) Payment of 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by the

state and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (Source: FEMA funded; state administered.)

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Those in the counties designated for assistance to affected residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week until further notice.

Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

- Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials.

Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

The Memorial Lives



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas

Volunteers were busy at the Waveland Veterans Memorial cleanup following Tropical Storm Lili last week. A presentation of \$1,000 was made to the memorial fund by Bourgeois-Stieffel-Ray American Legion Post Commander Russell Voorries and Service Officer Joe Levy to Raymond A. Cuevas, Civic Association memorial fund chairman. The volunteers on Saturday included, from left, Felton J. Cuevas, Civic Association volunteer; Raymond Cuevas, Louis Smolensky, Waveland alderman and association volunteer; Voorries, Levy and Gordon Coleman, Post 77 volunteer. The Veterans Memorial is a project of American Legion Post 77, Waveland Civic Association and the City of Waveland. Persons wanting to make donations to the memorial fund may do so to the Civic Association or Legion Post 77.

USMGC recruitment visits are Oct. 21-25

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast has set its high school recruitment visits for the week of Oct. 21-25. A USMGC recruiter will be at Bay High School from 9:30-10 a.m. Oct. 25.

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Chlordane -- courthouse

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dent in mid-September, when some plumbers became ill while working under the courthouse as part of GM&R Construction's renovation of the historic structure.

Clyde Payne, the Jackson-area director for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said earlier this month that the GM&R employees' health problems were caused by a large concentration of the pesticide chlordane in the work area.

Chlordane is a relatively common pesticide, Payne said, but rarely becomes a health issue.

"This is not something that folks want to be working with in an enclosed space ... unless they're wearing appropriate protective equipment," Payne said. "To go in and do work in a confined area like that, you've got to suit up and be protected for it."

If unprotected, those working in close proximity to chlordane could experi-

ence temporary central nervous system disorders.

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, "Chlordane is a manufactured chemical that was used as a pesticide in the United States from 1948 to 1988. ... Until 1983, chlordane was used as a pesticide on crops like corn and citrus and on home lawns and gardens. Because of concern about damage to the environment and harm to human health, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned all uses of chlordane in 1983 except to control termites. In 1988, EPA banned all uses."

"Chlordane affects the nervous system, the digestive system, and the liver in people and animals. Headaches, irritability, confusion, weakness, vision problems, vomiting, stomach cramps, diarrhea, and jaundice have occurred in people who breathed air containing high concentra-

tions of chlordane or accidentally swallowed small amounts of chlordane. Large amounts of chlordane taken by mouth can cause convulsions and death in people."

Although renovations continue on the first and second floors of the courthouse, Kellar said all work under the courthouse has been suspended until the situation has been dealt with. The area is now closed off.

Kellar said that although some county office workers at the courthouse have complained with headaches and respiratory problems, there is no obvious link between those problems and the chlordane.

"That's always been the case around here," he said. "It's not unusual in an old building like this that's colder in the wintertime. ... You have folks around here that have respiratory problems."

"It's no worse now than it's ever been for anybody."

Stelly announces for chancery judge

Herbert (Herb) J. Stelly, Sr., has announced his candidacy for Chancery Court Judge Post 3, (Hancock, Harrison and Stone counties) in the November 5 general election.

Stelly is a graduate of Cecilia High School, Cecilia, La., the University of South Western Louisiana and University of Mississippi School of Law.

He is an active attorney, age 62, married, father of two children and one grandchild.

Stelly has served the City of Long Beach as municipal judge and prosecutor and has 39 years of private law practice.

In making his announcement he said, "For the last 39 years I have very successfully practiced the law, on a daily basis, in all courts of Hancock, Harrison, Stone, Jackson and Pearl



Herbert Stelly, Sr.

River counties."

"I am ready to serve the people of Hancock, Harrison and Stone counties by using my vast knowledge of the Chancery Court system to end the problems which presently exist in our Court," Stelly added.

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Cancer -- tennis

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about women they knew who had breast cancer.

Soon after the conversation began, Alice Lawson discovered that three of the 12 players had survived breast cancer themselves.

"I thought that was a lot," Lawson said.

Suzette Carlson, one of the three survivors, agreed with Lawson and wanted to find a way to help fight the disease.

"It was important for me to help in finding a cure," Carlson said. "I also think people should be educated about breast cancer."

Lawson, who previously had done charity work for Alzheimer's disease, and Carlson collaborated to initiate the first Komen Autumn Classic in 2001.

"There was no event on the Coast to benefit breast

cancer," Lawson said. "I thought we should have something."

In its first year, the tournament was a success with 150 registered players raising exactly \$6,400.

Some of the money raised last year was donated to the Mississippi chapter of Steel Magnolias in Jackson. This group in turn helps women with breast cancer. Lawson and Carlson learned that some of the proceeds helped a woman in Sunflower County who could not afford the cab fare to and from her treatments.

"This year we're expecting at least the same number of players and hope to raise between \$7,000 and \$8,000," Lawson said. "We're growing slowly, but we're going to grow."

"Our goal is to keep this

an annual event and to raise more money to help wipe out breast cancer," Carlson said.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Dallas, Texas, for breast cancer research and to the Steel Magnolias in Jackson.

For more information or to register, call 228-896-3554. Entries must be received by Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.

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Santa's elves have arrived at Bay Fire Department

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Bay Saint Louis firefighters have a primary goal - to protect the lives and property of the citizens of their city from destruction by fire or other natural disasters. Their efforts and assistance extends to other communities on request.

But Christmas knows no boundaries nor do Bay Saint Louis firemen when it comes to Hancock County families needing support during the holidays to see the dreams of their children come true.

For more than 25 years the Bay Saint Louis Fire Department has had an active Doll and Toy Fund to support these dreams. 2002 is no exception, and firefighters have spent several weeks getting Santa's Hancock County Toy Shop ready for the distribution of more than 1500 hundred gifts to children and senior citizens.

If you can help with the Doll and Toy Fund cause, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Gary Maurice, 228.467.4736. The department especially needs volunteers to help at collection points that will be set up at various Hancock County locations during the months of October and November.

Any civic organization or business that would like assistance organizing a toy

drive and having a fire department representative on hand are asked to please call Maurice. Toys must be new and unwrapped to meet liability requirements.

"We especially need help to set up collection days in the unincorporated areas of Hancock County," said Maurice.

"The Hancock County Firemen's Doll and Toy Fund is a member agency of the United Way of South Mississippi, so donors can be assured that they are giving to a creditable organization and that their donations will be used to support those in need in their home county."

Registration for assistance begins November 4 at the Bay Saint Louis Fire Department, 310 Old Spanish Trail.

Those needing help are required to bring proof of Hancock County residency, such as a utility billing receipt or local tax receipt and proof that they are the parent or guardian of the child or children.

Requests for children, newborn to 12 years old, are accepted with their social security card identification and birth certificate.

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New numbers reflect more Mississippians are obese and diabetic than ever before

THE SEA COAST ECHO

State health officials announced figures recently that should prompt Mississippians to observe a healthier lifestyle: more Mississippians are overweight and diabetic now than ever before, according to the state's latest survey data.

The Mississippi Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data for 2001 show that the rates of obesity and diabetes have increased, continuing an upward trend that state health officials began observing in 1990.

The 2001 numbers show that overall, 9.3 percent Mississippi adults have diabetes, compared to 7.6 percent in 2000; 26.6 percent of the state's adult population are obese (the Body Mass Index is 30 or higher) compared to 25 percent in 2000.

In 1990, when the Mississippi Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance survey was first conducted, the state's obesity rate was 15.3 percent while the diabetes rate was 6.1 percent. Almost

190,000 adults in the state now have diabetes and an estimated 520,000 adults are obese.

In certain demographic groups, obesity and diabetes rates are especially high; for example, in middle-age and elderly African-American women, almost two-thirds are obese and more than one-third have diabetes.

However, health officials note that all age, race, and gender groups are affected by this modern-day "epidemic."

The Mississippi Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System - a statewide telephone survey of a random sample of the Mississippi adult population 18 years of age or older - has been conducted annually since 1990.

More than 3,000 adults across the state were interviewed in 2001, and the results adjusted statistically, so that the figures are representative of all Mississippi adults 18 and older.

"These numbers are likely conservative estimates

because most people understate their weight and overstate their height in phone surveys," said Dr. Alan Penman, epidemiologist for the Mississippi State Department of Health.

"Also, studies elsewhere have shown that many people in the early stages of developing diabetes do not know that they have the disease and are missed by these surveys."

Between 1994 and 2001, rates of both diabetes and obesity reflect a strong upward trend that is statistically significant. Much of the increase in diabetes is a direct consequence of the increase in obesity.

"In the presence of excess body fat, the hormone insulin loses its ability to regulate the sugar level in the blood, with the result being diabetes," said Penman.

"Across the state, as more and more people become obese, more people develop diabetes. Complications of obesity and diabetes follow, such as heart disease, kidney failure, amputations,

and blindness."

Penman stresses that the increase in obesity and diabetes is rapidly becoming a major public health challenge: the number of people with diabetes could overwhelm an already overloaded health care system, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas where primary care providers are in short supply and specialists non-existent.

In addition, health care costs will increase dramatically particularly in the case of diabetes - because lifelong medical management is needed.

"Although better access to primary health care and greater availability of providers are going to be important in dealing with this 'epidemic,' a priority must be put on primary prevention," said Penman.

"Primary prevention means preventing the development of diabetes through preventing excessive weight gain in the first place and reversing the increase in obesity rates."

Military reservists disaster loan application available

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Small businesses that employ military reservists who are called to active duty, and are interested in applying for a Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan (MREIDL) may now download the application from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster.

The MREIDL program provides loans to eligible small businesses to cover operating expenses that would have been met, but cannot be met because an essential employee was called to active duty during a period of military conflict in his or her role as a military reservist.

"With the possibility of continued conflict in America's war on terrorism, men and women from across the country who serve in America's reserve military forces will answer the call to support the nation's military effort," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

"Some of these men and women may be key employees at small businesses, and their callup, even for a short period of time, can have a financial impact on small companies," Barreto added.

"This low-interest loan program can provide the money necessary to support these small businesses, and the availability of the on-line form will simplify the application process."

Small businesses may apply for MREIDLs of up to \$1.5 million if they have been financially affected by the loss of a key employee.

These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that cannot otherwise be paid.

The interest rate on these loans is 4 percent, with a maximum term of 30 years. The SBA determines the

amount of economic injury, the term of each loan and the payment amount, based on the financial circumstances of each borrower.

The filing period begins the date the essential employee is ordered to active duty and ends 90 days after the date the

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Gospel concert at Bayside Baptist

There will be a gospel concert at Bayside Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis Saturday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. featuring The Mannings, a gospel group from Sandhill, Miss. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Bayside Baptist Church is located in the Bayside Park subdivision of Hancock County, (7547 Hancock Drive) 2 miles west of Waveland off Highway 90. The church is located on Hancock Drive between Carroll and Chickasaw streets.

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BeauSoleil

Diamondhead Performing Arts presents BeauSoleil this evening

The Cajun group BeauSoleil will perform Sunday at the Diamondhead Country Club.

These Cajuns are revolutionaries, and music is their weapon. Just look at the namesake for the world's best known and loved Cajun band.

In 1755, Joseph Broussard dit BeauSoleil helped lead the Acadian resistance to a forced exile from their home in what is now Nova Scotia. Hence the band's name "BeauSoleil" whose dynamic leader is Michael Doucet.

Doucet dates the band name back to a childhood family reunion that took place in the house built by Joseph Broussard's son.

Fittingly, Doucet has under that name been leading his own musical insurgency these past 25 years.

Cajun artists had tasted fame before, but BeauSoleil was the first professional Cajun band to do it on their own terms. They based themselves in Louisiana, giving their friends and neighbors the chance to share in their worldwide success.

Nowhere is that cultural pride better expressed than in the music of BeauSoleil.

For a quarter century and counting, this astounding band has been delivering new fans to their music, playing in concert halls, festivals, and dances around the world; on film and TV soundtracks.

"The culture is always shedding its skin," Doucet explains. "I look at it like a serpent, the culture is continuing to evolve. For me, I try to encompass it all, what came way before I was born, and what is current."

What really binds you is that you all know the music is much greater than you are, and we're part of that now," says Doucet. "That's what propels us, keeps us doing what we're doing, and holds us together."

The performance takes place Sunday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Diamondhead Country Club.

Tickets are available at the door or Diamondhead Drugs.

For information, call Pat or Bill at 255-6049.

Toast to the Coast – A Far East Fantasy

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Toast to the Coast, the fundraising gala held annually to raise money for Coast Episcopal School, takes place this Sunday in Pass Christian.

This year's theme, "A Far East Fantasy," will include Japanese Taiko drummers, Asian stilt walkers, fire twirlers, delicious cuisine, live and silent auction, a chance to win a Porsche Boxster convertible, artwork created by local artists, and dancing under the stars to Hot Wire.

On display will be the children's artwork from the 16th annual "Children in

the Arts" Contest and Workshop. This art contest is open to fourth through eighth graders in all public and private schools along the Gulf Coast.

It is geared to stimulate young artists and bring public awareness to the importance of involving children in the arts. The artwork will also be displayed prior to Toast to the Coast at the new library on the USM Long Beach campus for two weeks beginning Oct. 4.

The event will take place Friday, Oct., 18, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the home of Gerald and Martha Maples, 715

East Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.

Corporate sponsors include Grand Casino, Gulf Coast Medical Center, Gulf Title Company, Inc., Jeanne Necaise, CPA, Casino Magic, Continental Airlines, Air Tran, Parkers, Inc., and The President Casino.

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TOPS 307

TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center with 10 members present.

Mabel was the week's best loser with 5 1/2 pounds. Sherri was top KOPS, and Mabel received the incentive award and reached her goal. She was also top loser for the month with 4 1/2 pounds. Pat was runner up with 41/4 pounds. The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center, 524 St. John Street in Bay St. Louis. Call Sherri at 467-3798.

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Wanda Raboteau Heath, a native of Bay St. Louis and a 1961 St. Rose de Lima graduate, currently resides in Kenner. She is the founder and owner of Lepauné Enterprises, LLC.

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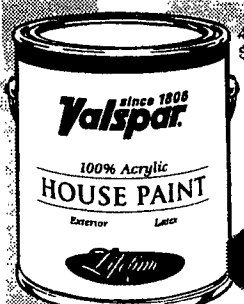


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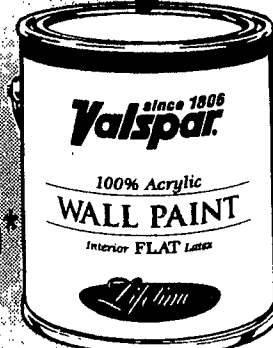
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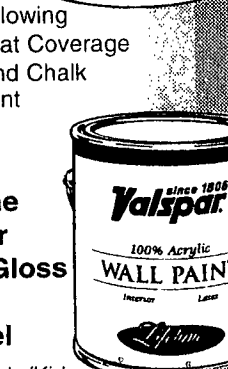
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Obituaries

M. GIORDANO JUDITH HARTWELL DAUNETTE WILLIS

MARJORIE GIORDANO

Marjorie Giordano, 61, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Giordano was native of Detroit and a lifelong resident of New Orleans before moving to Bay St. Louis. She was of the Lutheran faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Betty Williams Groff.

Survivors include three daughters, LaNiece Schexnayder of Slidell, Victoria Giordano of Harvey and Veronica Giordano of Belle Chasse; two sisters; three brothers; and 7 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Algiers Assembly of God Church, 4057 Oregon St., New Orleans.

Interment will be private in Oak Grove Cemetery, Grayville, IL.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

JUDITH HARTWELL

Judith Chambliss Hartwell, 92, of Gulfport died Monday, October 7, 2002 in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Hartwell was born in Louisville, Miss., and was a longtime resident of Gulfport. She was graduated from Mississippi Southern College and received her RN from Touro Infirmary.

She was a lieutenant in the Army Nursing Corps and was a nurse at

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport for 16 years. She was a member of St. John Catholic Church and the Gulfport Yacht Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Will C. Hartwell.

She is survived by a daughter, Anne Hartwell of New Orleans; a son, William Hartwell and his wife, Sandra, of Pass Christian; and three grandchildren, Randy Hartwell of New York City, Brooke Hartwell of London, England, and Leigh Ann Hartwell of Chapel Hill, NC.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. John Catholic Church in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. John Catholic Church, P. O. Box 970, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

DAUNETTE WILLIS

Daunette Leaneave Willis, 49, of Pearl River, La., died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, in Slidell.

Mr. Willis was a boiler maker in the shipping industry.

Survivors include his wife, Tracy Willis; sons John Caleb Willis, Michael Lane and Robert Charles Lane; daughters Tiffany Daun Willis Maddox and Brandi Lane Chester; a sister, Delores McGehee; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Williams Funeral Home in Pearl River. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home followed by burial in Sun Cemetery in Sun, La.

Urban forestry workshop scheduled for homeowners

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"The Coast is home to some of the most majestic and valuable trees in the state," said Dr. Glenn Hughes, forestry specialist with the Mississippi State University Extension Service. "Mistakes during construction, renovation, or just through regular maintenance can harm these valuable assets."

The workshop, "Maintenance and Care of Live Oaks and Other Trees" is designed to help homeowners keep and maintain healthy trees.

"Most of the health problems we see with trees can be avoided with a little education, preparation, and care," said Eric Nolan, certified arborist with the City of Biloxi.

The purpose of this workshop is to increase public awareness of the value of trees, help homeowners plan construction and maintenance, and identify problems that trees face

in urban settings.

This workshop is very timely given the recent threats posed by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili, so we will also discuss storm preparation and recovery.

Workshop topics include the basics of tree biology, how to plan construction projects, how to prune trees correctly, tree diseases, and storm preparation and recovery.

Speakers include foresters, certified arborists, and a plant pathologist. Following lunch, a field tour will be conducted of several sites.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Orange Grove Community Center on Highway 49 in Gulfport. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the program runs from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The \$10 registration fee includes the workshop, a folder of information and lunch.

Homeowners or others interested in this workshop can register by calling the MSU Extension Service at (228) 865-4227 by Oct. 16.

Sponsors of the workshop include the Harrison County Board of Supervisors, MSU Extension Service, Harrison County Homemaker Volunteers, and City of Gulfport Department of Leisure Services.

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TUESDAY	OCT. 15, 2002	7 p.m.	Diamondhead Comm. Center
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 16, 2002	7 p.m.	Gulfview School
THURSDAY	OCT. 17, 2002	7 p.m.	Waveland Annex Building
SATURDAY	OCT. 19, 2002	9 a.m.	Hancock County Courthouse

All sessions will start at 7:00 p.m., except Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 at the Hancock County Courthouse. This session will start at 9 a.m. Pollworkers for the 2002 election will be selected from those attending one of these sessions. State law requires that pollworkers selected must have attended a training session. All participants will be given a certificate.

Pamela T. Metzler, Hancock County Circuit Clerk
Lem McCoy, Hancock County Election Commission Chairman

FEMA opens first Disaster Recovery Center in Mississippi; more to come

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) opened the first of three fixed-site Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC), to assist storm victims who have registered for assistance following the severe weather occurring between Sept. 23 and Oct. 6.

The DRC will be located in the Gaston Hewes Recreational Center, 2608 17th Street Gulfport.

Parking will be available on the north side of the building. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., every day until further notice.

Two additional fixed-site centers are scheduled to open within the next few days, one in Hancock County and the other in Jackson County.

Also planned is a mobile DRC to provide assistance to those outlying communities located in the other declared counties.

The DRC will be staffed with representatives of federal, state and voluntary agencies who will provide information and answer questions about available federal and state assistance.

Homeowners, renters and business owners who were affected by the recent severe weather may be eligible for a variety of state-federal disaster assistance programs.

FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Michael Bolch and MEMA State Coordinating Officer Leon Shaifer are urging anyone who has suffered losses or damages as a result of the severe weather during the Sept. 23 through Oct. 6 period, to register by calling FEMA's toll-free registration line, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

Should applicants need additional information regarding the status of their application, they should visit one of the DRCs for further help.

"The Disaster Recovery Centers will be available as long as necessary to help the people of Mississippi recover from this disaster," Bolch said.

Shaifer added, "A variety of federal, state and voluntary agency programs are available for homeowners, renters and business owners affected by the disaster."

Now is the time to find out about these programs and begin the process of recovery. To date, we've had more than 1200 Mississippians apply for disaster assistance."

To begin the application process, call toll-free, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

Those with hearing or speech impairments may call TTY 1-800-462-7585 to apply.

Public invited to blessing and unveiling of marker

THE SEA COAST ECHO

On Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 11:30 a.m. there will be laying of wreaths at St. Paul Cemetery. Christian Brothers' Tomb, and at noon the official monument dedication will take place on the front lawn of the Miramar Nursing Lodge in Pass Christian, 200 W. Scenic Drive, in commemoration of the Christian Brothers' College which stood at this site from 1866 to 1875 and where nine Christian Brothers had succumbed to yellow fever and are buried in St. Paul Cemetery.

Brother Francis Carr,

provincial of the Christian Brothers of the Midwest Province, will officiate the ceremonies with blessings by Bishop Thomas Rodi, Diocese of Biloxi; Father Dennis Carver, pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church; Brother Justin Lucian, author of the recent history of Pass Christian College; along with other Christian Brothers from surrounding states.

If a short history of the Christian Brothers' Pass Christian College is desired, contact Dan Ellis at 228-452-3138, or e-mail Ask@DanEllis.Net

Ladner-Moran family reunion

Descendants and friends of the Ora Ladner and Juanita Moran Ladner families are invited to a family reunion Sunday, Oct. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. at McLeod Park off Hwy. 603 on Flat Top Road.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Industry professionals tout benefits of USMGC Port Symposium 2002

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Port Symposium 2002 should be of value to port professionals, some members of the industry insist.

"Anybody in the business of moving cargo, either in shallow or deep-water ports, needs to go to USMGC Port Symposium 2002," said Capt. Robert Engram, vice president of Stevedoring Services of America (SSA) in Gulfport. "I've been to the first two port symposiums USMGC Port has offered, and thought the information from the speakers was so rewarding that I will be bringing several of my employees to this year's."

Set for Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at the Grand Oasis Resort and Spa in Gulfport, Port Symposium 2002 will be titled "Emerging Trends and Strategies in Maritime Economic Development."

"There is really no other forum," said Michael Hopkins, who, as vice president and general manager of the Latin America division of Crowley Liner Services, has attended previous symposiums. "Whether small or large, a gathering like the port symposium provides a proper venue for the exchange of ideas. It also allows all of the partners in international sea transportation, which include domestic rail, shippers, forwarders, brokers,

vendors, and shippers, lines to obtain new information on the overall business of moving freight through seaports."

The symposium is sponsored by the International Port School at USMGC and the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport. Other participating agencies include the Mississippi Coast Foreign Trade Zone Inc., the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Harrison County Tourism Commission.

Under its economic development theme, the symposium, now in its third year, will feature sessions on eco-

nomics, getting the message out on the economic impact of ports, forming new trade alliances, nontraditional revenue sources and customer-focused marketing strategies.

A session on Latin American trade will feature the dean of the Consular Corps in New Orleans, as well as the general coordinator of ports and merchant marines in Mexico.

Homeland security and the maritime industry will also be addressed during the symposium. Speakers from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and the Port of New Orleans Police are scheduled to speak.

Another aspect of the symposium, other than information sharing, is industry networking.

"The port symposium is a great opportunity to network, along with the brainstorming that occurs with other industry professionals," said Michael Booker, senior adviser to the executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority in Jackson, Miss. "This port symposium has a really good format for those in the shipping business to discuss trends, management techniques, and new opportunities within the maritime economic industry."

To preregister for Port Symposium 2002, log on to symposium.mississippi.com (no "www"). For more information on the symposium, contact Melody Bradley-Moeller at (228) 867-8779.

New tourism group forms

A group of tourism industry leaders from across the 11-state Southeast region is spearheading creation of a tourism policy council to address federal, state and private-sector tourism issues.

The Southeast Tourism Policy Council will be part of the 20-year-old Southeast Tourism Society (STS), a broad-based tourism marketing and education association headquartered in Atlanta.

A resolution to create the policy group capped the three-day Federal/State Summit on Travel and Tourism conducted in Louisville from Sept. 4-6. The summit, a first-time event in the Southeast, was organized by STS. I attracted more than 400 people involved in tourism from state and federal agencies and from private industry.

"Fundamental policy issues must be addressed in order for the tourism industry to sustain itself and for our publicly owned lands to remain appealing and available for future generations,"

said Bill Hardman Jr., president of STS and a member of the steering committee for the Southeast.

Tourism Policy Council. "Tourism is hugely important to our region's economy and to our quality of life."

The travel and tourism industry ranks as the first, second- or third-largest industry in every Southeastern state.

"The policies that guide the operation of the tourism industry and the policies that guide the use and development of public lands deserve thoughtful attention," said Helen Hill, chair of the STS board. "Our vision is that the policy council will be a beacon that leads to sound decisions by both business and government."

Partial inspiration for the Southeast Tourism Policy Council came from the 13-state Western States Tourism Policy Council, which was founded in 1995. While the western group consists only of directors of state travel offices, the Southeast Tourism Policy Council will have a broader membership that will include federal and state agencies, convention and visitors bureaus, and private sector tourism businesses.

Tourism policy questions range from international to local. Examples include whether to establish a national tourism office to promote international visitation, how tourist-specific taxes affect where travelers visit, whether mass transit can benefit some national parks and where state and federal highway funds are

spent.

Initial members of the steering committee that is designing the charter of the Southeast Tourism Policy Council are: Alisa Bailey, travel director for the West Virginia Division of Tourism. Mitch Bowman, executive director of Virginia Civil War Trails and vice chairman of STS. Amy Duffy, deputy director, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Bill Hardman Jr., president of STS. Helen Hill, executive director of the Charleston, S.C. Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and chair of STS. Betty Huskins, vice president, public affairs and corporate development, AdvantageWest in North Carolina. Brad Keshlear, recreation specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Atlanta. William Lisowsky, manager, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, U.S. Forest Service. Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, chairman of the National Council of Governors. Chuck Pickering, executive vice president of the Biltmore Co. in Asheville, N.C. Bob Stewart, travel director for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Ronald Switzer, superintendent of Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky.

The 11 states of the Southeast Tourism Society are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Coast area credit union wins community award

Keesler Federal Credit Union of Biloxi has won a first place award in the state-level Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Program for Credit Unions.

The Social Responsibility Recognition Program, sponsored by the Mississippi Credit Union System and the Credit Union National Association, honors credit unions for their involvement in community projects and activities.

The credit union's winning entry outlined their fundraising efforts, sponsorship, participation and general support for over 170 organizations and events in the Gulf Coast area.

The entry also detailed their commitment to credit union movement programs such as Credit Unions For Kids (which benefits the Children's Miracle Network) and the National Endowment For Financial Education High School

Financial Planning Program (NEFE HSFPF).

Keesler FCU's winning entry will advance to the national competition, where it will compete with other projects from credit unions in the same asset category nationwide.

The competition is named after Dora Maxwell, a credit union pioneer, who worked with several organizations to improve the living standards of the poor and needy.

Keesler Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state with assets of nearly \$600 million dollars and over 139,000 members.

The Mississippi Credit Union System is the state trade association for 116 credit unions in Mississippi with more than 425,000 member owners and combined assets in excess of \$1.5 billion.

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

Hancock reports record earnings

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) has announced record earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. Net income for the third quarter of 2002 was \$13.3 million, a 37% increase over net income of \$9.7 million for the third quarter of 2001. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.78 for the third quarter of 2002, compared to \$0.57 for the third quarter of 2001.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, net income totaled \$37.3 million, compared to \$27.3 million reported for the first nine months of 2001. Diluted earnings per share for the first nine months of 2002 were \$2.18, compared to \$1.65 for the same period in 2001.

The Company's annualized returns on average assets and average common stockholders' equity for the third quarter of 2002 were 1.36% and 13.30%, respectively, compared with 1.06% and 10.60%, respectively, for the comparable quarter in 2001. Annualized returns on average assets and average common stockholders' equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, were 1.30% and 12.87%, respectively, compared with 1.09% and 10.29%, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2001.

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SPORTS

Warriors crush Rocks 40-7

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

It was a sloppy and wet field at Warrior Stadium on Friday, October 11 for the game between the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws and the D'Iberville Warriors. Both teams fumbled the football; however, a stiff D'Iberville defense, a strong leg by Darren McCaleb and some shifty running by Carlton Cotten proved to be the difference in the game for the division leading Warriors.

D'Iberville recorded a 40-7 victory over the Rocks to move to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the division while the loss drops the Rocks to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the division. The loss puts the Rocks in a tight situation for the post-season. SSC must win two of the final three games left in the regular season to advance to the first round of the playoffs.

SSC head coach Casey Wittmann stated, "Tonight, we ran up against an outstanding defense. We lost our quarterback early and Jeremy Lewis came in and did a very fine job. Our players did a much better job fighting to the end tonight. The Warriors are an outstanding team. We have to just keep getting better. Now, we have to focus on Pass Christian this week."

D'Iberville opened up a 27-0 lead over the Rocks in the first half before SSC got on the board with just seconds remaining in the first half.

The Rocks received the opening kickoff and were unable to do anything and had to punt away. A muffed snap on the punt caused the Rocks to turn the ball over on downs at their own 7 yardline. Carlton Cotten and the Warriors wasted no time getting on the board as he scored on their first play from scrimmage. Darren McCaleb added the PAT to make the score 7-0 with 10:21 left in the opening quarter.

SSC ended up having to punt on the ensuing drive and Jeremy Keller boomed a 62-yarder which was called back on a penalty. After his second attempt, the Warriors had the ball at midfield.

The Warriors mounted an eight-play drive that resulted in a McCaleb field goal of 30 yards with 3:56 left in the quarter. The field goal

came about because of some stout defense by Lee Klein and other Rock-a-chaws. Warrior quarterback Nick Ladner went to the air twice on the drive with McCaleb getting a 28-yard gain down to the Rock 12 yardline to keep the drive alive. His kick three plays later made the score 10-0.

Matt Hoda had two carries on the Rocks drive for 23 yards but SSC was unable to move the chains again and turned the ball over on downs.

It took the Warriors just two plays to put another score on the board. Ladner connected with Clarence Cotten for a 40-yard scoring pass with :25 left in the opening quarter. McCaleb's PAT was good making the score 17-0.

The Rocks fumbled the ball away on their next play from scrimmage and the Warriors capitalized. McCaleb booted a 34-yard field goal with 11:09 left in the first half to put the Warriors up 20-0.

On the play before the fumble, the Rocks lost quarterback Tim Kulikowski on a blitz package by Jason Hockaday and the Warriors. Hockaday was whistled for offside as he flew through the air and connected with Kulikowski helmet-to-helmet in what appeared to be a spearing-type hit. Kulikowski left the game after being injured on the play.

Following another Rock punt of 37 yards by Keller, the Warriors took just three plays to score. Carlton Cotten found a seam in the defense for a 23-yard touchdown with 8:14 left in the half. McCaleb's kick was good making the score 27-0.

Each team swapped possessions before Ladner hit Clarence Cotten for a 17-yard gain and then fumbled the ball to the Rocks on the SSC 41 yardline. Jordan Ellis recovered the loose ball which was forced free by a vicious hit from Ashton Wright.

SSC had their best drive of the game as they went seven plays for the score. Hoda had a first down carry of 14 yards before Jeremy Lewis connected with

Michael Cure for a 20-yard score. Michael Kivlan made good on the PAT and the score was 27-7 with :21 left in the half.

Carlton Cotten broke free for a 37-yard gain followed by a 49-yard reception from Nick Ladner to Clarence Cotten. The catch placed the ball at the Rock four yardline. The Rocks were penalized and the ball was moved to the 2 yardline. McCaleb booted an 18-yard field goal with no time left on the clock in the first half to make the score 30-7.

Each team swapped possessions to start the second half before the Warriors mounted a 14-play drive which resulted in a Warrior touchdown. The drive was sparked by McCaleb who caught a 37-yard pass from Ladner down at the Rock six yardline.

Two plays later, Ladner found Tommy Seawright in the endzone for a 4-yard score. McCaleb's PAT was good making the score 37-7 with 1:24 left in the third quarter.

Following gains of 9 and 14 yards by Matt Hoda to start the next drive, the Rock offense stalled out and had to punt back to the Warriors.

D'Iberville used a 10-play drive that ate up about eight minutes off the clock. The drive was sparked by a Nick Ladner 43-yard gain down to the Rock 24 yardline. The drive culminated with a McCaleb 24-yard field goal with 5:57 left to play in the game which made the score 40-7.

The Rocks were unable to establish anything on their last drive as time ran out.

SSC fullback Matt Hoda led the Rocks with 110 yards on 19 carries. Nick Ladner passed for 188 yards and two touchdowns while Carlton Cotten added 158 yards and two scores on 15 carries. McCaleb hit fields goals of 30, 34, 18, and 24 yards and was 4-for-4 on PATs.

The Rocks will entertain their rival from just across the Bay of St. Louis in the Pass Christian Pirates next week in between the walls. Kickoff is set for 7:30pm. See you at the game!



OLA Junior Varsity

Our Lady Academy Junior Varsity recently completed the 2002 season with a record of 11 wins and five losses. Team members include, back row from left, Margaret Rittner, Emily Hall, Shelly Reboul, Rachel Cuevas, Sarah Lolacano and Amanda Meyers; in front, Jamie Reisch, Katherine Gulchet, Annie Giardino, Kaylee Schmitt, Celeste Plaisance and Victoria Ramano

Fall baseball league camp starts Oct. 21

Pearl River Community College will host a fall baseball league camp for prep players in grades 8 through 12 Oct. 21-22 in Wildcat Stadium on the PRCC campus.

PRCC head coach Jay Artigues and his staff will host the camp.

The camp is designed for youths who truly want to improve their level of play on the diamond. Players will be divided into teams for instruction and games.

The league runs for five weeks with each team playing some two games a week.

The last day of the camp will be a showcase where professional and college baseball scouts will be on hand to evaluate players.

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Pass Ladies Golf results

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PCI Nines: Ve McBride, first; Jeanette Lane, second; and Mary Jo Jones, low putts.

Oct. 8 Back Nine winners include Mary Jo Delligatti, first; Sara Schnexnayder, second; Jolee Burris, third; and Nancy Witt, fourth.

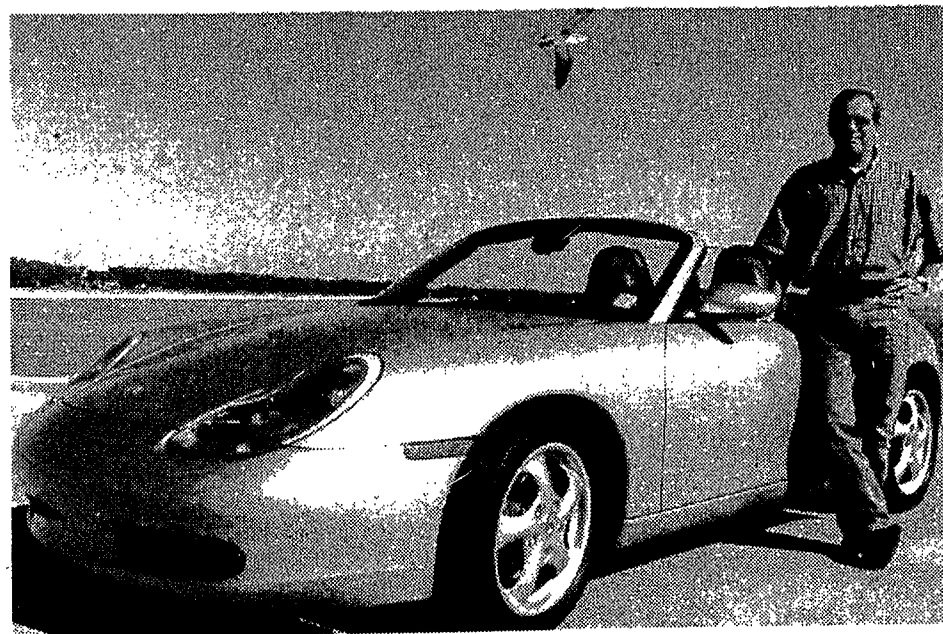
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SPORTS



Hancock Hawks tame Wildcats 21-11

by Dwayne Bremer
Contributing Writer

The Hancock Hawks got back to the basics Friday night, as they used an old-fashioned smash-mouth offense along with an excellent defensive effort to defeat the Meridian Wildcats 21-11 at famed Ray Stadium.

The Hawks (4-3) earned their first district victory of the year, and Head Coach Rocky Gaudin was pleased with his team's effort. "This was a good game for us, we came in here and beat this team in a tough place to play. We played the whole game, and only made a few mistakes. I'm pleased with our effort," Gaudin said.

The Hawks defense was solid as a rock, only allowing 69 yards rushing to the Wildcats, and only yielding three points until the final thirty seconds of the game.

The Wildcats picked up two first downs on the opening drive before punting to the Hawks.

The Hawks took over at the 15, and put together a workman-like 14-play drive to reach the Wildcat end-zone. The Hawks converted on two fourth downs on the drive, as Ricky Underwood and Ervin Jackson kept the drive alive with first-down runs. Jackson capped the drive with a six-yard touchdown, Chris Jones added the point-after to give the Hawks a 7-0 lead with 1:21 to play in the first quarter.

The Hawks defense made three big plays to get the ball back. Darren Elliot and Jarrod Barrios stuffed Fred Patten for no gain on first down; and on third down, Donald Hains and Elliot combined for a sack. Chris Kitchens went back to punt for the Wildcats, but a bad snap forced Kitchens to run, and Steven Guidos and

Matt Rayborn stopped the play for a 13-yard loss.

The Hawks took over at their 46. Brandon Necaise completed a pass to David Brown for nine yards, and Necaise then went over the middle, finding Myron Fairley, who hauled in the pass, and broke a tackle en route to a 36-yard touchdown. Jones added the point-after, and the Hawks led 14-0 with 5:30 to play in the half.

The Wildcats got a gift late in the first half, as Necaise was intercepted by Leslie Rush, who returned the ball 27 yards to the Hawks' seven yard line.

The Hawks defense played well, and held the Wildcats to a 28-yard field goal by Andrew Campbell, as the half ended.

The Wildcats got another break to start the third period. A muffed punt was recovered by the Wildcats at the 11-yard line. After an eight-yard run by Cardee Campbell, the Hawks had their backs against the wall with the ball at the three yard line. On second down, Campbell was stopped by Hains for no gain; and on third down, Campbell picked up one yard being stopped by Elliot and Hains.

The Wildcats were faced with a fourth-and-one at the two yard line. Kevin Moore got the handoff, but Moore

was stuck by Elliot, who forced a fumble and Elliot recovered the fumble at the four.

Taking advantage of the excellent defense, the Hawks offense held the ball for nearly seven minutes before a fumble gave the Wildcats the ball back at the 29 with 9:26 to play in the game.

The Wildcats picked up a first down, but the Hawks defense stopped them there and they turned the ball over on downs at the 45 with 6:09 to play.

The Hawks offense provided the dagger in the heart, as they drove seven plays for their third touchdown of the game. Jackson rumbled for two straight runs of 21 yards each. With 3:03 to play, Jackson punched in a three-yard touchdown, and the extra point by Jones made the score 21-3.

The Wildcats rallied to

drive 56 yard to score. Patten took in a one-yard run with just :26 seconds to play, and Ken Mitts ran in the two-point conversion to make the final score 21-11.

The Hawks defense was led by senior Darren Elliot who tallied nine tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery. Donald Hains had nine tackles, and Matt Rayborn added seven tackles.

"Our defensive line and linebackers do a good job against the run - we had a good week of practice, and it showed for us tonight," Rayborn said.

Jackson collected 113 yards on 22 carries and two scores for the Hawks. "I felt good this week, and I ran hard towards the goal line. My line did a good job blocking, and it was fun," Jackson said.

The Hawks will travel to Hattiesburg next week.

Team work

Brooke Conover gives injured Pearl River Community College teammate Ashley Chrisman a piggy-back lift off the field following after the Lady Wildcats trimmed rival Jones 2-1 in South Division women's soccer action Wednesday in Ellisville. Conover, a freshman sweeper from Harrison Central, scored the game-winning goal in the final minute of play off a corner kick, while Chrisman broke a 0-0 deadlock with her 23rd goal of the season midway in the second half despite suffering from a severely-sprained right ankle. Chrisman was the NJCAA's seventh-leading scorer in the nation entering the game. With the win, the Lady Wildcats remain in sole possession of first place in the division with a perfect 4-0 record and are now 8-1-2 overall. PRCC's men, tied for tops in the division, won 1-0 and improved to 8-4 and 4-1. — PRCC sports information photo By Mitch Deaver

PRCC sweeps Jones in soccer

ELLISVILLE Pearl River Community College swept rival Jones in women's and men's MACJC soccer action here Wednesday.

The Lady Wildcats grabbed a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Lady Bobcats and improved to 8-1-2 overall and 4-0 in South Division play, while the Wildcats pulled out a 1-0 squeaker to improve to 8-4 and 4-1.

The PRCC women are in sole possession of the division's No. 1 spot. Entering Wednesday's contest, the Wildcats were tied for first place in the South along with Mississippi Gulf Coast and Meridian.

Jones' women dropped to 4-5 and 3-2, while its men dropped to 3-6-1 and 1-4-1 with the losses.

In the women's contest, the two teams battled to a 0-0 deadlock at the intermission, but forward Ashley Chrisman of Kiln put the Lady Wildcats up 1-0 off a goal with 18:50 left, marking the 23rd goal of the season for the former Our Lady Academy standout.

Four minutes later, JCJC midfielder Ashley Hughes made good on a free kick and tied it up at 1-1, but PRCC freshman sweeper Brooke Conover of Harrison Central rose to the occasion in the final minute of play, scoring off a corner kick to ice the win.

"That was really an incredible play," said PRCC head coach Adam Breerwood. "I've got to hand it to Brooke."

Prior to Wednesday's game, Chrisman was the NJCAA's seven-ranked scorer. The freshman scoring machine has played three straight games with a severely-sprained right ankle.

"Ashley wasn't nearly 100 percent today," said Breerwood. "In fact, this ankle problem has been going on for the last two weeks and she still manages to perform at a high level. She's a true warrior."

In men's action, midfielder Matt Powell made good on a penalty kick midway into the second half as all the Wildcats needed to take the narrow victory. Powell, a sophomore out of St. Stanislaus, scored the goal with 23:20 left in the game.

Four of the PRCC men's remaining five regular-season playing dates are against division foes, including Mississippi Gulf Coast in Poplarville this Tuesday, Meridian in Meridian next Thursday, and East Central in Decatur Saturday, Oct. 19, to wrap up the regular season. A yet-to-be-rescheduled rematch with JCJC also remains after the Wildcats' Sept. 28 date with the Bobcats in Poplarville was postponed.

Lady Hawks finish season

The Hancock High School volleyball team wrapped up its 2002 season against Pass Christian Oct. 8.

The varsity finished the season with an overall record of 4 and 13.

With only two seniors, Sarah Wilkinson and Hope Theobald, next year should prove promising.

The junior varsity team finished the season with an overall record of 13 and 2.

Elyse Ramond, Courtney Vincent and Katrina Zahniser were the top three overall scorers for the year.

Pearl River soccer games rescheduled

Pearl River Community College's South Division women's and men's soccer games with rival Jones originally scheduled for Sept. 28 have been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21.

PRCC swept Jones this past Wednesday in Ellisville with the Lady Wildcats winning 2-1 and the Wildcats taking a 1-0 victory. The Lady Wildcats are in sole possession of first place in the division with at 8-1-2 overall and 4-0 in league play, while the Wildcats are tied with Meridian and Mississippi Gulf Coast for tops in the South with a 4-1 league marks. The Wildcats are 8-4 overall.

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SPORTS

Young Tigers lose again

By Maurice Singleton
Contributing Writer

The Gautier Gators appeared more like the Gautier Goliaths in their 48-7 district win over the Bay High Tigers at McCullough Stadium in Bay St. Louis on Friday night.

The visitors scored on their first seven possessions of the game, including three possessions following Tigers' turnovers.

The big question in the first half wasn't even what would be the margin of victory at the end of the game. The big question was more along the line of: "Would these Goliaths score 100 points before the night was over?" or "Would they score 50 or more points in the first half and leave to the imagination what they might have accomplished had they kept their starters in the game?"

However, for every Goliath there is a David. On the final play of the first half, Gautier went for the touchdown bomb with a suc-

cessful pass completion to a huge Gators' receiver near the Tigers' sideline at the home team's 25 yardline. Only one Tigers' defender separated the Gautier receiver from surpassing the 50 point halftime score.

That one Tigers' defender was Buddy Jensen, a 5'3", 105 pound free safety, an eighth grader. The Gautier receiver was clearly over 6' and well over 200 pounds. But to Buddy he was just another football player carrying the football. Buddy cracked him quick, and he went down in a thump as the horn sounded to end the first half.

"Buddy goes full speed all the time," said Tigers coach Glenn Williams. "Buddy did a big job preventing that score right before the half."

The Gators didn't score 50 points by halftime nor would they score 50 points by the end of the game. Bay High's eighth graders, ninth graders, tenth graders, eleventh graders and the one senior who played both

sides of the ball all night wouldn't allow another score.

The Tigers scoring drive began with a recovery of a Gautier fumble at the Tigers 36 yardline. Two plays later, Robbie Pitre made a spectacular play, going over the defender to make a catch of a Zack Ferry pass which was good for 30 yards.

On the very next play Shawn Moran broke tacklers at the line of scrimmage and outran Gators' defenders for a 23-yard gain to the visitors' 17 yardline.

Facing a third-and-19 situation at the Gators' 28 yardline, Ferry hit Trevor Adam for a 9-yard pass play. Then on fourth down, Ferry hit Pitre on stride in the end zone for the score. Kyle Moran's successful PAT kick capped the Tigers' scoring.

The Tigers are without a win after six games and host district leader D'Iberville at McCullough next week in Bay St. Louis.

Hornets sting Pirates 23-6

by Steve Smith
Contributing Writer

Pass High's Pirates fell victim to the strong rushing attack of the East Central Hornets and their own untimely errors Friday night, losing 23-6.

Returning the opening kickoff to the 21 yard-line, quarterback Robert Hargrove took the snap from center Matt Scarborough and handed off to Maurice Hardnett for 14 yards and a first down, but two mistakes on the opening drive put the Pirates in a bind and provided East Central with momentum.

First, on fourth-and-two from their 44 yard-line, the Pirate offense was penalized for a false start. Then, electing to punt, the long snap sailed over the punter Jacob Welch's head. Welch recovered the ball on the 11 yard-line, but East Central's Joseph Taylor took the ball into the endzone on the Hornet's first play from scrimmage. The PAT kick was good and the Hornets led, 7-0.

Stalling on their next offensive, the Pirates were forced to punt. Again the snap was high and the Hornets scored two points on a safety, and by rule received the Pirates kick, returning it to the Pass High 45 yard-line. Fortunately the Hornets fumbled after advancing to the Pirate 19 yard-line.

Pass High recovered and moved out to their 41 yard-line on strong running by Anthony Henderson and Maurice Hardnett. The offensive line, John Johnson, Justin Furby, Brad Steube, Matt Scarborough,

Josh Cotten and Tag Cole, opened running lanes and provided pass protection. A Pirate fumble gave the Hornets another possession with good field position as the first quarter ended, but Pirate defense forced a punt, which was downed at the Pass High five yard-line.

Unable to sustain a drive, the Pirate's punt fell short an East Central had a first-and-ten at the Pass High 25 yard-line. Gaining 16 yards on a reverse, the Hornets were on the Pirate 9 yard-line with a first down. Chris Willis scored on a 9 yard run and the PAT kick was good, putting the Hornets up 16-0 as the first half came to a close.

East Central received the second half kickoff and were stopped cold by a determined Pirate defense, turning the ball over on downs at their own 46 yard-line. The Pirates gave it back on downs at the Hornet 29 yard-line but lost a fumble after moving to the Pirate 35 yard-line.

A sustained drive, aided by a pass interference call, put the Pirates in scoring position. A halfback pass from Anthony Henderson to Chad Musgrove cut the Hornet lead to ten and the Pirates trailed 16-6, with Hardnett being tackled just inches from the goal-line on the two point attempt.

The Hornets fumbled the ball on their next possession, but the Pirate offense stalled and Welch punted. The Hornets drove 49 yards in five plays on outstanding running by Joseph Taylor, who scored from 32 yards out. The PAT kick was good and the scoring ended with

East Central ahead, 23-6.

"Field position and mistakes hurt us," Coach Vonderbreuge commented, "we have to improve our kicking game." Pass High must win their remaining three games against St. Stanislaus, Bay High and Gautier to make the playoffs. They travel to St. Stanislaus next week before entertaining Bay High on October 25th, finishing the regular season at Gautier on November 1st. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

SSC cross country fields strong squad in 2002

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Cross Country team has faced some stiff competition in recent weeks but has fared well. On Saturday, October 5, the Rocks competed in the St. Joseph's Academy of Baton Rouge Invitational where they placed fourth overall behind Jesuit of New Orleans, Brother Martin, and Episcopal High of Baton Rouge.

The top finisher for SSC was Kyle Lewis who finished the 3-mile trek in 16:41.

The previous week's meet was cancelled due to inclement weather from the recent storms. Prior to that

cancellation, the Rocks placed fourth in the Holy Cross of New Orleans Invitational and won the Oak Grove Warrior Run at Paul B. Johnson State Park.

In the first meet of the year, the Mobile Meet of Champions, the Rocks placed fifth overall in the invitational division.

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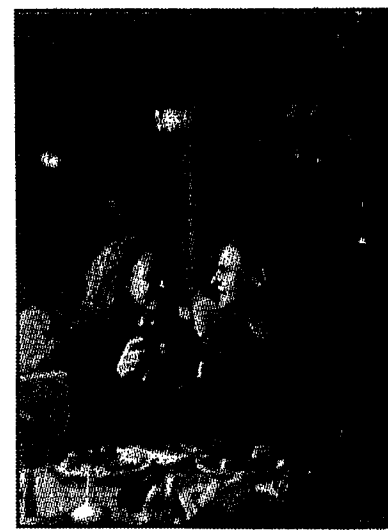
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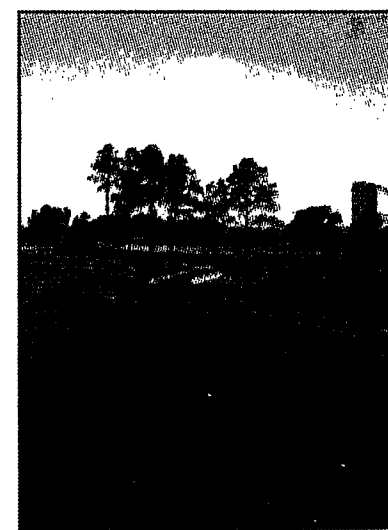
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First cool snap triggers pansy mania



SOUTHERN GARDENING
BY NORMAN WINTER
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The fall planting season is one of my favorite times of the year, and it is evident that many Mississippians feel the same way. The first cool snap makes people want to get ready for pansies and violas. Garden centers are already bringing in supplies of the rugged winter annuals.

2002 will be a great year for pansy lovers to try the scads of new varieties. That old-fashioned group known as Majestic Giants has been improved, and now you will want to look for Majestic Giants II.

These should give an even better landscape performance. The Patricia variety in this group has caught my eye with its knockout color combination of burgundy and cream.

Look also for the new group, Dynamite, which looks like the largest of all pansy flowers. In this series, Dynamite Wine Splash is the one that has captured my heart. It has a mahogany color blended with an almost translucent fiery yellow-orange.

If you haven't tried Purple Rain in the past couple of years, make this the year you do so. We may not need rain now, but we can all use some Purple Rain. The Purple Rain is a mounding, cascading pansy that is perfect as a border plant in the landscape or ideally suited to baskets, planters and window boxes.

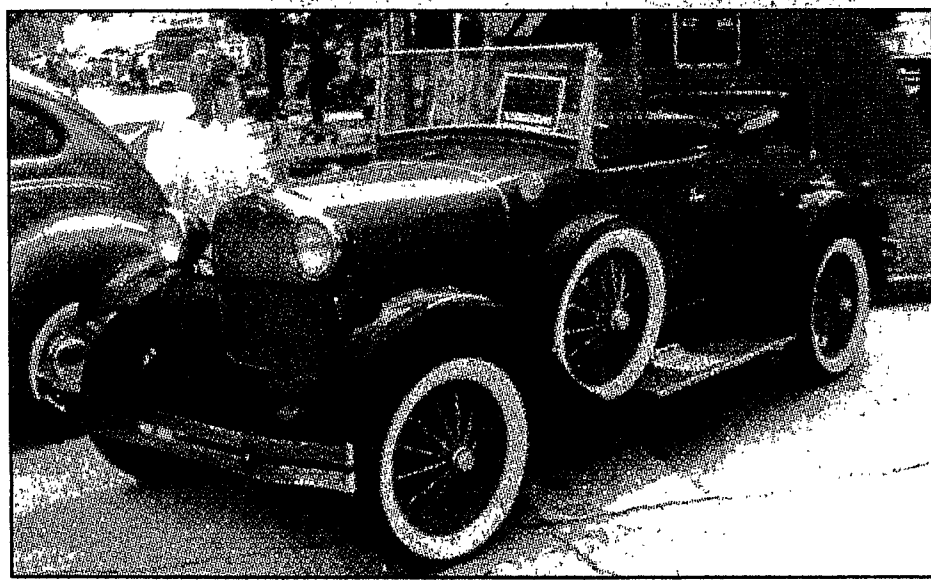
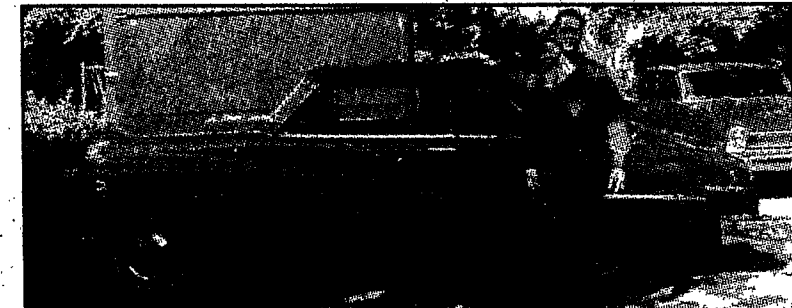
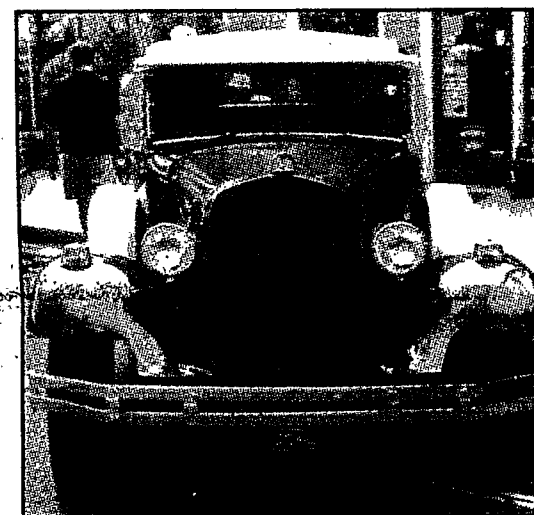
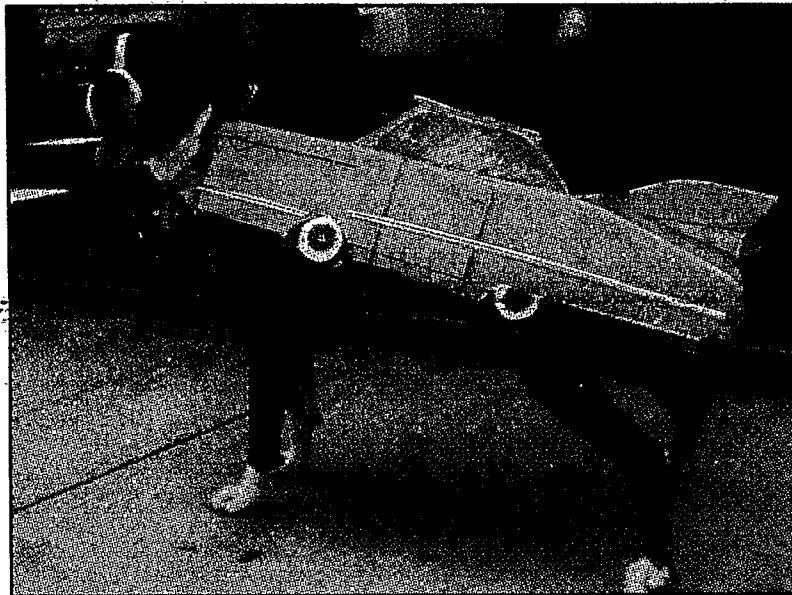
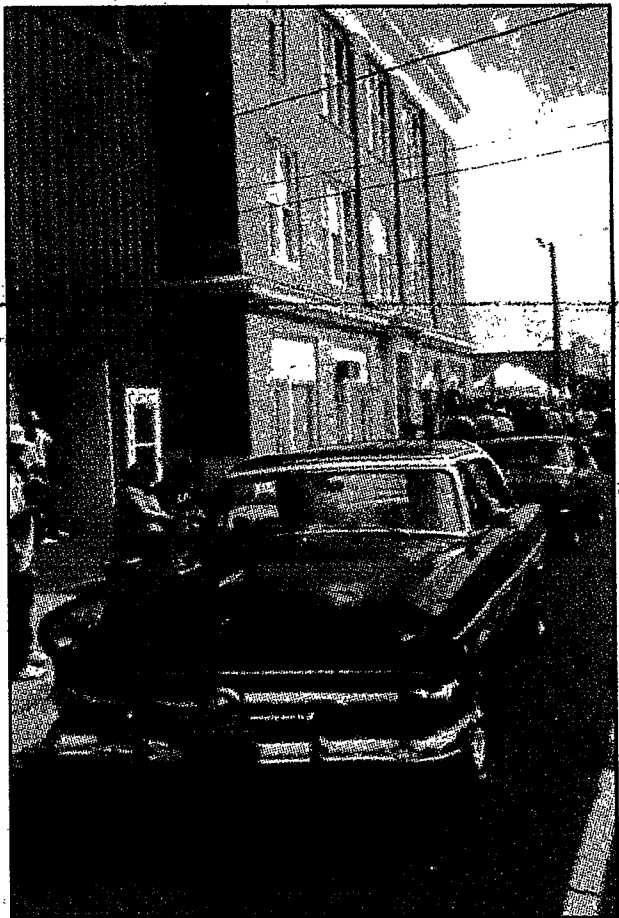
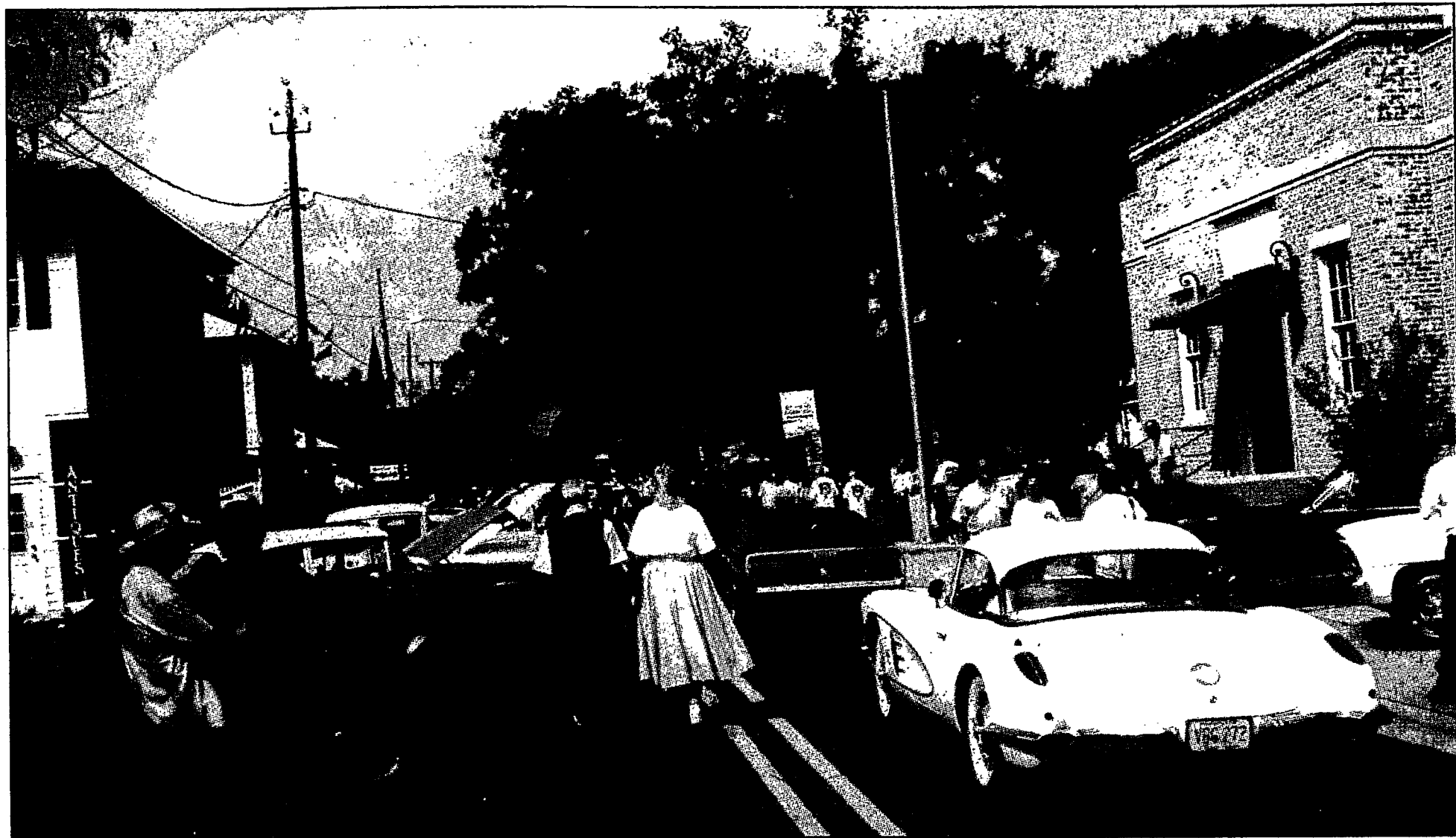
Its dark-purple color with hints of blue in the center make it an attractive choice for gardeners. Beds that I have watched the past couple of years showed this pansy reaches heights of 12 to 18 inches without a leggy look. They almost look like a small pansy hedge.

As you plant them, consider incorporating yellow daffodils. Another good choice as a companion plant would be the Mississippi Medallion-winning Purple Bouquet dianthus, a tall cut-flower variety that is sure to win you over.

Last year, I told you about a new selection called Colossus - with flowers larger than the old Majestic Giants. The demand could not keep up with supply, and they never

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No Snoozin' for Cruisin'



Scenes from the seventh annual *Cruisin' the Coast* in downtown Bay St. Louis • Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher

A walk is a walk is our walk

It's been done for a little over a year now if we consider September as it's completion date. I hear that they are talking about maybe

extending it into Waveland as far as Clermont Harbor and further into downtown in the Bay. That would be nice.

It, in this case, refers to our new beach walk. I think it's a lovely thing that we've built and we should be proud of ourselves. More than a few of

us seem to already know this. Look anytime night or day and you will see the walk being used by people who appear to very much appreciate it being where it is.

More than a few... From my porch, I watch a mixture of users that range from hard walking/jogging/running exercisers to mothers walking their babies, friends walking their friends and dog owners walking their dogs...

(I guess I am the only person who walks his cat and that really doesn't

count since I do that on the beach and only in cool weather.)

It was a wonder to watch them build the walk last year, especially since they did much of it in the baking heat of an extremely hot summer. I wrote of them then:

"There is a bustling, purposeful movement to what the men do. I see bare backs glistening with sweat. They should be sweating in this heat; it will easily break 90 today and there is a southerly flow so it's muggy.



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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The men are hustling, having started before seven this morning to escape some of the heat. But now with the heat here, they're continuing at the same pace as when they started and probably will continue to do so till they quit this afternoon. Was I ever that young?"

I knew as I watched them then that the walk

would be used the way it is being used today. I had seen a preview when the concrete culvert was being installed to drain the pond on Aiken Lane.

To do the work, the beach road in front of us was closed to traffic for several months. When this happened we were blessed for a

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Stanislaus TIP students



Thirty St. Stanislaus 7th graders have been named Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) students, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, SSC principal. They include, first row from left, John Stahl, son of Ms. Cecilia Battalora Stahl of Waveland; Harrison Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Deas Warley III of San Antonio, Texas; Kory White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Perot of Jarreau; Doug Vermillion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vermillion of Bay St. Louis; Allston Lumpkin, son of Capt. and Mrs. Parker Lumpkin of Diamondhead; and Brian Rice, son of Cdr. and Mrs. John Rice of Long Beach; second row, Zachary Bouls, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bouls of Bay St. Louis; Hunter Treutel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Treutel of Waveland; River Potter, son of Ms. Lind Lightell of Bay St. Louis; and Mr. Keith Potter of Luling; Gunduz Yavuzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yavuz Yavuzer of Bay St. Louis; Christopher Necase, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Necase of Diamondhead; and Philip King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip King of Gulfport; third row, Corey Daspit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Daspit of Kiln; Cale Hansell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hansell of Waveland; Kevin Scarengos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Scarengos of Gulfport; John Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin of Long Beach; Evan Cranford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cranford of Bay St. Louis; and Micah McNally, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen McNally of Long Beach; fourth row, Powell Lobrano, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lobrano of Long Beach; Ike Keel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Keel, Jr. of Pass Christian; Scott Zimmerman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Emmet Zimmerman III of Kiln; Sam Goggins, son of Ms. Susan Goggins of Bay St. Louis; and Dr. Robert Goggins of Birmingham, Ala.; Freddie Kippes, son of Mrs. Mary Kippes of Long Beach; and Michael Boudreaux, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Boudreaux of Diamondhead; fifth row, Nicholas Hauffe, grandson of Ms. Ninette David of Kiln; Tristan Jamieson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jamieson of Bay St. Louis; William Hadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hadden of Bay St. Louis; and Ethan Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of Pass Christian. Not pictured are Cody Fricke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fricke of Bay St. Louis, and Ben Leiker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Leiker of Long Beach. These students were chosen to receive this honor because of the results they achieved on their standardized tests taken last year. They are thus eligible to take either the SAT or the ACT offered in December with high school students from throughout the country.

Point Isle Garden Club tour Oct. 15

The Point Isle Garden Club met Oct. 8 in the Sewer Board Building.

The tour of the Gulf Island National Seashore, scheduled for Oct. 15, has been postponed until further notice.

It was announced that Nannette Carter of Raintree Nursery has chartered a bus for Oct. 18 and 19 to take a group to a flower and garden show in Crystal Springs.

If anyone is interested in going, call Nannette.

The announcement was made that there will be a bird house display at Audubon Museum Nov. 1-3. These will be sold at a silent auction.

Voting on the bay-laws was tabled until the

January meeting.

There was no award for the October Garden of the Month due to the storms.

The Oktoberfest and auction will be Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Denis and Jeane Kleman. Each person should bring an item for the auction.

The program was presented by Mims Carter of Raintree Nursery. The topic was ideas for fall planting.

The next meeting will be Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Sewer Board Building.

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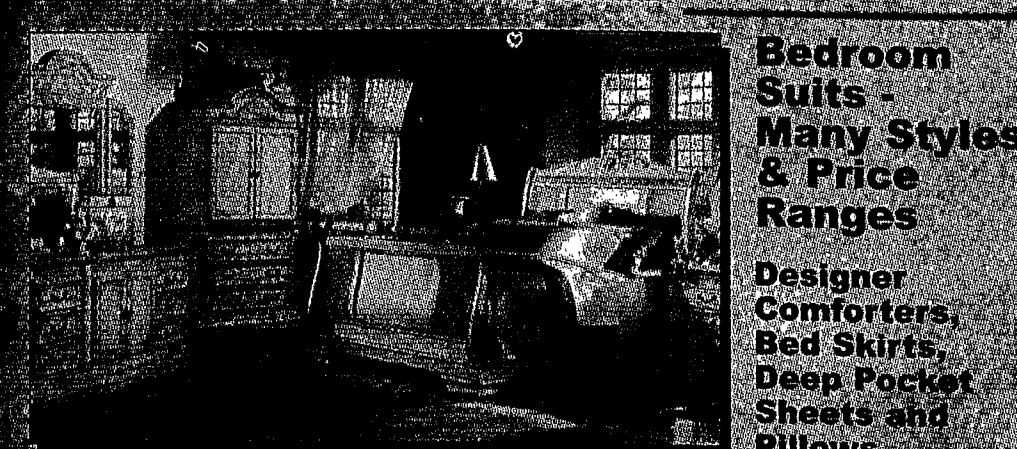
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Views -- walking the walk

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short period with an empty road that became filled with wonderful vibrancy, people leisurely walking, singularly or as couples, runners, skaters, bikers... It was a colorful, pleasantly dynamic scene, and we missed it when the work was done on the culvert and the road was reopened.

Now with our beach walk completed, all of that fascinating panorama of people is back giving a liveliness to the beach scene that till now has been missing.

It is true that there has always been people walking the beach road, but as sparse as beach traffic is, it sharply limited their number. This has changed now. Now there is a parade.

The whole walk is 2.6 statute miles, just a touch

over 2 nautical miles (actually 2.26), and a smidgen over 4 kilometers (4.12) and goes from Waveland's Garfield - Ladner Memorial Pier to the boat ramp and beach area at the foot of Washington Street in the Bay.

The walk has its idiosyncrasy.

Two land owners have planted some rather nice crepe myrtles in front of their property, the contractor left one lone palm tree, and I've noticed someone has planted another, some of the area near the end toward the Bay has what appears to be grass (to be cut?), and finally a wonderfully imaginative mural has been painted on the beach wall at the Bay end.

So the walkers/ run-

ners/strollers/ bikers always have something to see as they pass along (also, I guess the male dogs who walk welcome the crepe myrtles and the palms).

There is also the thoughtful inclusion of a mechanized sweeper that routinely keeps it all clear for this multitude of users.

Oddly enough, there are no mileage markers for the people to use as a gauge nor are there benches for someone to sit with friends and say, "to heck with it, let's just sit here and talk and watch the sunset." These would immensely add to the walk's charm and I'm sure these will come in time. Maybe next year.

I find it restful to sit on my porch with a cup of breakfast coffee and watch

all the people go by, doing their bit to greet the new day.

I sometimes tell Jennie not to bark at those with dogs, but otherwise, I do my bit for a brief quiet moments to make the day happen by sitting there, a voyeur on the scene.

Later, I will get up and do the necessities of the day, but until then it's a nice thing to do what I do and I'm glad to do it.

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Garden -- pansy

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made it to our area.

This year, I'm happy to report I have found them at more than one Mississippi grower, so there should be a few more around.

I believe you will like how these perform in the landscape as they position their flowers more upright for all to see. The Colossus caused quite a stir in the marketplace.

The viola that caused the biggest stir at the pack trials this year was one called Orange Duet. It reminds me of a bright-orange flower with burgundy mouse ears. It is in the Sorbet series of violas.

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Coconut Swirl. This may be the prettiest viola of literally hundreds of choices. It has light blues, creams and yellows with a blush of rose.

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If you think spring gardening is fun, try fall gardening. You will be surprised how the dreary winter landscape can come alive with color by planting violas and pansies.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service.

His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

He can be heard weekdays at 7:19 a.m. on Public Radio in Mississippi.

Getting to know you



Audrey Stiles, left, a University of Southern Mississippi freshman from Lena, talks with USM senior LaSonia Dedaux of Pass Christian during a reception Monday for a new program pairing African-American freshmen and sophomores with upperclassmen in a mentoring program. The program, sponsored by the USM Office of Minority Affairs, is designed to help with retention of black students by pairing them with upperclassmen mentors to help them adjust to life as a college student. Approximately 100 freshmen and sophomores are participating in the program this fall, along with 18 volunteer mentors. (USM Marketing and Public Relations Photo by David Tisdale)

Crafters needed for arts 'boutique'

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77, Waveland, is planning an arts and crafts boutique.

The date is set for Saturday, Nov. 16 at the American Legion Hall, 208 Coleman Avenue.

Space rental is \$20 for an 8-foot table and two chairs. Additional tables are \$15

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Engineer compares working for private industry to being a part of America's space program

NASA's Carmen Ramirez-Pagan, who works in the Propulsion Test Directorate at Stennis Space Center as an AST-Technical Resources Management engineer, greets visitors in a quiet, almost distant, demeanor.

In a soft, Spanish-tinted drawl, she talks about her work and education. She talks easily of her early experiences in corporate life in Puerto Rico and how she made the transition in October 1990 from being in the business of making profits for Digital Equipment Corp. to the business of space.

"In my prior job as a project manager, my driving forces were cost, budget and deadlines," said Ramirez-Pagan. "What I did individually and what my people did affected the corporation's profit line. Here at NASA, they are still a challenge, but I am responsible to my colleagues, and the success of a project depends on how well we work together. In my previous job, corporate profits were the goal; here, I work to show American taxpayers a return on their investment in the space program. I don't look at any job as being too small or too big."

It takes only a question or two about Carmen's cur-

rent project, the construction of a 42,000-square-foot Propulsion Test Directorate office facility, for the professional persona to be replaced by unabashed enthusiasm and excitement. "It has become my pet project," she said with an expanding smile. "It is a challenge to get people's input and to somehow sort out the differences so that there is a good compromise. I consider co-workers my customers. They depend on me to do a good job for them." The new facility is housed in two buildings and will provide office space for more than 200 propulsion engineers and technicians. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2003.

"The progress of the construction reflects Carmen's outstanding organizational skills and her focused attention to detail," said NASA's Mike Dawson, manager of the Propulsion Test Program Office at Stennis. "She has been able to work closely with the people who will occupy the building and has been tenacious in resolving conflicts between our budget and those requirements."

Ramirez-Pagan was Stennis' nominee for the 2002 Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award that honors



NASA's Carmen Ramirez-Pagan, an industrial engineer who supports the Propulsion Test Directorate at Stennis Space Center, was Stennis' nominee earlier this year for the 2002 Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award. The award annually honors Hispanic excellence in science, engineering and technology nationwide.

Hispanic excellence in science, engineering and technology nationwide.

"Carmen's professional-

ism and career achievements have contributed to opening the doors for other Hispanics at the center,"

said NASA's Fernando Figueroa, manager of the Hispanic Employment Program at Stennis.

Artists' voices to ring out at Horn isle

There will be a panel discussion with six artists who participated in the Horn Island Experience Workshop 2002. The panelist are Joan Bomar, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Kris Byrd, Ocean Springs; Mary Elsa Hocker, Vicksburg; Victoria Kolb, Covington; Brian Nettles, Pass Christian; and Kim Whitt, Moselle, Miss.

Museum staff members Bill Nelson, senior curator, and Susie Raneger, special curator for exhibits will serve as moderators for the group.

The location is the Lila Wallace Gallery at The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art on Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m.

The Horn Island Experience Exhibit runs through Nov. 2.

The Horn Island Experience Workshop is a five-day primitive camping experience held in May on Horn Island, a barrier island located 12 miles off the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Some 23 artist participated in the spring of 2002. The Horn Island Experience Workshop Exhibit is a multi-media exhibition of work which is always popular and produces an exceptional show.

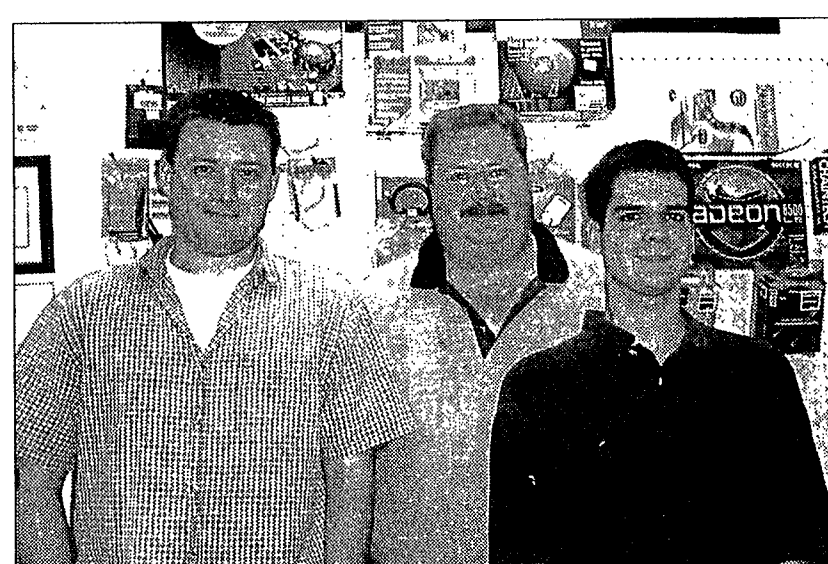
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CAPT THRIFFILEY

Phoebe S. Thriffiley has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Thriffiley is a clinical nurse, family practice clinic with the 81st Medical Operations Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi.

She is the daughter of Robert F. and Nancy G. Schaul of Dutch Lane, Ringoes, N.J.

Her husband, Todd, is the son of Councilman James C. and Jean A.E. Thriffiley of Bay St. Louis.

The captain is a 1994 graduate of Syracuse University, N.Y.

PFC PIERNAS JR.

Army Pfc. Joseph B. Piernas Jr. was graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army history, tradition and core values, and special training in human relations.

He is the son of Sharon Lykes of Gulfport and Joseph Piernas Sr. of Pass Christian.

TSGT WALLACE

Tina I. Wallace has been

promoted to the rank of technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Wallace is a technical training graduate assignments supervisor assigned to Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center.

She is the daughter of Margaret E. O'Shields of Pass Christian.

The sergeant is a 1980 graduate of Pass Christian High School.

LT ESHER

Navy Lt. j. g. Scott J. Esher, son of Kathie A. Esher of Waveland, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Esher is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group who will participate in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Esher is a 1996 graduate of St. Stanislaus High School of Bay St. Louis and joined the Navy in May 2000. He is a 2000 graduate of Tulane University with an ENGR degree.

PO1 HATTAWAY

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy D. Hattaway, son of Audrey J. and Ernest R. Hattaway of Pass Christian, recently returned from a six-month deploy-

ment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Hattaway was one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group participating in joint-service, multi-national operations in the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

Hattaway is a 1982 graduate of Lineville High School of Lineville, Miss. and joined the Navy in March 1984.

CPL SINGLETON

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Geneva M. Singleton, daughter of Tammie D. Nickles of Diamondhead and Virgil G. Singleton of Boothville, La., recently received a Letter of Appreciation while assigned with Marine Air Control Squadron Seven, Marine Air Control Group 38, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. Singleton was recognized for her superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Singleton consistently performed her demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Singleton is a 2001 graduate of Hancock High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 2001.

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Changes planned for this year's Region VI Science and Engineering Fair

Changes to this year's Region VI Science and Engineering Fair include the addition of Rodney Harris as Region VI Fair director, and the Fair Task Force institutes on-line registration.

Harris works for the University of Southern Mississippi's College of Marine Sciences and, as one of his duties, has the privilege of serving as the Region VI Fair director.

He is originally from Arkansas where he spent over 28 years as an educator and spent countless hours working at the local, state and international science fair level.

"Rodney brings a wealth of experience to the fair, both in the administrative and scientific areas," said Dr. Howard Walters, Task Force member from USM's College of Marine Science.

"Many of Rodney's students have competed, and won, at the international level."

On-line registration will be a major advantage to educators and the Task Force.

"All registration will occur on-line, and will be set up in a way to acknowledge receipt of the forms and assign a student identification number for the teachers," said Harris.

Deadline for submission of all registration forms is Feb. 18, 2003.

Although the web site won't be active for another few weeks, educators can obtain fair information from the science fair's host organization, Science Service at <http://www.sciserv.org>.

According to Becky Rotunda, the Naval Research Laboratory's Task Force member, the Science Service web site is full of

information, checklists, forms, and questions and answers.

The rules book, normally sent to the educators by mail, can be located at and downloaded from the Science Service web site. These books will no longer be mailed.

This year's fair date is Wednesday, March 19, and will be held at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum and Convention Center.

Parents, students and teachers are urged to watch the newspaper and the mail for more information regarding registration deadlines, instructions for fair day, and schedules. Additional information, or answers to questions, may be obtained by calling Mr. Harris at 228-374-5550, or Ms. Rotundo at 228-688-5328.

Dr. Denis Wiesenburger elected to Oceanographic Council at Stennis

The chairman of the University of Southern Mississippi's Department of Marine Science has been elected to the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) Council.

Dr. Denis Wiesenburger was one of four individuals elected to terms on the council during the UNOLS annual meeting in Arlington, Va., Sept. 27.

The new three-year term marks Wiesenburger's second consecutive term with the council, which is the governing body for the organization of 64 academic institutions and national laborato-

ries involved in oceanographic research.

"I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to continue the important work of ensuring broad access to modern, well-operated, state-of-the-art research vessels and facilities required to support a healthy and vigorous research and education program in the ocean sciences," Wiesenburger said.

UNOLS is an organization of academic oceanographic institutions that coordinate use of federally supported oceanographic facilities. UNOLS is solely an advisory body.

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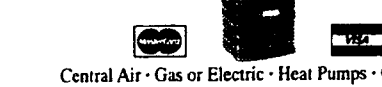
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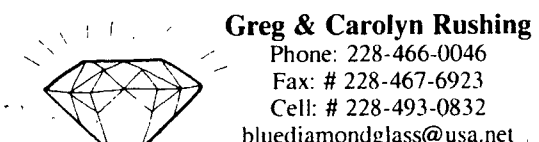
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What is the best prayer?

"Thank God, the hurricane did not come our way! We dodged one bullet, then we dodged a second bullet right behind it. We are blessed."

By the same token, there are tens of thousands of people out there who are not "blessed," and who cannot use that kind of language about God.

Similar language by those spared could be heard at home, on the streets, on the radio, on television, and it could be read in the newspapers as well.

Some of the language was a tad contradictory, on the one hand showing great reliance on God, and on the other a curious penchant for superstition.

As hurricane Lili's path was still in question toward evening on October 2, media folks could be heard sandwiching a prayer between news items:

"So, let us all pray. And keep your fingers crossed."

Granted, it has become a part of our cultural manner of speaking to add "Keep your fingers crossed" to many iffy situations. It is still an utterance of superstition which by definition is the belief that inanimate objects possess powers to hurt or help us. Quite a contrast to belief in God's power alone.

Apart from a few elements of superstition, our hurricane mode of prayer needs to be revisited as we have done several times before.

First of all, virtually all the prayers we hear at such a time are selfish. "We pray that God will deliver us and protect us from this terrible storm."

That is all well and good, except for the very obvious, problem and seeming contradiction that tens of thousands of people all around the rim of the Gulf Coast are praying in those identical terms. Were that possible, God would surely be the most confused Being in the universe.

The cold fact is, once a hurricane has dipped into the bowl of the Gulf of Mexico, it cannot exit without clobbering some piece of real estate and many of its inhabitants.

With that given, no Gulf dweller can pray for deliverance from a storm without implicitly directing it toward someone else.

So, that puts all the inhabitants of the Gulf Coast into a neat box from which there is no escape.

While it is still logical for all to pray for physical safety, it is not logical for all to pray that the storm go elsewhere. Sadly, there is no elsewhere to go when we are all lumped together on the Coast.

Our hurricane mode of prayer is no different from our general mode, except that it is a bit more earnest and urgent, evok-

ing memories of such sayings as, "There is no atheist in a storm." Otherwise, the same streak of selfishness of our everyday prayers bares itself during frightful storms.

We usually turn toward God only as babies turn to their mothers, when we are in some kind of need. Naturally, our prayers reflect just how selfish, how self-centered and disinterested we are in the well-being of others. Most people tend to throw "gimme" prayers at God.

So, back to basics. In the only prayer he gave us, Jesus detailed with great clarity all the essential elements of prayer, beginning with the most important. "Hallowed be thy name," is beyond question where all prayer should begin. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done."

There is equally no doubt that God's will includes all and wraps everyone and everything around his kingdom in heaven and on earth. The intriguing reality of this first half of the Our Father is that, if we take good care of this half, we do not have to concern ourselves about the second half.

Yes, God will take care of the second half if we give God praise, thanks and glory, and if we just work tirelessly that his will be done at all times.

Without being asked, God will see to it that we get our daily bread, that we are forgiven as we forgive, and that we are delivered from evil.

With such a simple formula to pray by, how can we go wrong in prayer?

Sure, it's a mystery, but we manage to mess up the most foolproof things in the world. If you were asked to draw the one phrase out of the Our Father which would wrap the whole prayer into one, which would you choose?

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, by whose intercession many miracles were said to have been wrought, was asked which prayer she prayed in order to receive favors from God. "I pray only one thing. Thy will be done," she answered.

That is as safe a prayer as any we can possibly conceive. More, there is no prayer more inclusive or more expressive of everything we should be thinking, saying or doing as convinced and committed believers.

First of all, "This is the will of God, your holiness." (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

All this clear evidence exposes the most glaring defect of our prayers.

We are too detailed, asking/telling God what to do. We can just cut all the directives we try to give God, and say, "Thy will be done."

The "Word" for the Week
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Are the books and letters of the Bible authentic? Were they really written by Moses, the prophets and apostles? And is the Bible a reliable historical record? These are questions that deserve an answer.

First of all, the documents of the New Testament, for example, are authentic. If we were to judge these writings by the standards used to judge any historical document, there would be no doubt they are authentic.

It is interesting that we have little doubt about the authenticity of Shakespeare's plays. But did you know we could pin down who wrote what in the New Testament better than we know for sure what Shakespeare wrote in his plays?

You see, the problem is not with the evidence surrounding the manuscripts of the Bible. The problem is that most people come to the Bible with such a strong bias against it that they will not look at the evidence.

The documents that talk about Jesus and the letters of Paul are authentic. But what about their

reliability? Are these books and letters biased accounts that are unreliable? Well, take the Gospel of Luke as an example.

Here is a little book that gives the names of kings and governors. It talks about Roman history. It names places and events. And when you examine this data, it all holds up.

There are no errors in history or geography. And what about the other Gospels like Matthew, Mark, and John? One of the very interesting things is that when these people talk about themselves, they let it all hang out.

They talk about how they doubted Jesus, disbelieved His power, and finally denied Him. These men don't cover up anything. This is an indication of honesty.

And so, there is little reason to doubt what these authors say. Then we should also believe their testimony about Jesus.

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Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

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But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor. 2:14).

What do those scriptures mean? Well, have you ever noticed a person has said, "I'd read the Bible, but I don't understand what I'm reading."

It's because that person is trying to understand that what was written in and with a natural mind.

The Word of God has been subjected to much criticism down through the centuries.

Even though it has changed millions and millions of lives, still critics find it hard to accept.

The natural man does not understand the things of the spirit

of God.

Why? Because they are not spiritually awakened to this spiritual book - the Bible.

The word is a lamp unto my path (Psalm 119:115).

The critic with his logic doesn't believe that. The natural man tries to reason the meaning.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path (Proverbs 3:5-6).

When a person has been spiritually awakened, or commonly called being born again, spiritually speaking, he will begin to understand God's letters to mankind.

Have you received this spiritual awakening?

Ask Jesus to give you this spiritual experience. Don't be surprised when He does.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

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Visitors are welcome.

Oct. 14: CCD classes begin, grades K-5, 3-4 p.m.; grades 6-12, 5:30-7 p.m.

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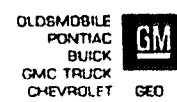
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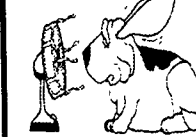
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Red Cross and FEMA offer assistance to MS residents

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Now that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has opened its Disaster Assistance Centers and Teleregistration and Information systems to provide access to state and federal assistance programs to disaster victims, many individuals and families are unsure of the relationship between FEMA assistance programs and American Red Cross assistance programs.

Al Haggerty, director of the Red Cross relief operations in Mississippi explained that providing help to individuals and families who suffered in either Tropical Storm Isidore or Hurricane Lili takes the combined support of both government agencies and the American Red Cross.

Individuals or families who have disaster-caused or disaster-aggravated needs should contact BOTH the Red Cross and FEMA.

Mississippi residents who have not yet registered with FEMA either at a Disaster Application Center or through the FEMA telephone application process, are urged to do so promptly, even if they have already registered with the Red Cross for assistance.

It is very important that individuals or families

needing assistance register with BOTH agencies. FEMA's toll free number is (800) 621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

Those who have already registered for assistance through the Red Cross do not need to reapply simply because FEMA is now taking applications.

However, individuals and families who have not yet registered with the Red Cross, and have disaster-caused needs should go to the closest Red Cross Service Center or call the Red Cross toll-free at 1-866-GET INFO (1-866-438-4636) or TDY 1-800-526-1417.

Assistance available at Red Cross Service Centers goes beyond the initial sheltering, feeding, and emotional support that Red Cross provided in the early stages of the disaster.

At the service center, each individual or family will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a trained interviewer to help determine needs and provide urgently needed assistance.

Assistance may include providing the means to pay for what is needed most - from groceries, new clothing, and rent to emergency home repairs, transporta-

tion, household items, medicines, and tools.

Red Cross also can help those needing long-term recovery assistance when other resources are not available or are inadequate.

If a family is not eligible for government assistance or if that assistance is inadequate to meet their needs, Red Cross may be able to provide further assistance or referrals to other agencies which can assist.

Individuals or families who want to apply to the Red Cross for assistance must bring with them some form of identification showing their address as proof that they lived in the area affected by the disaster.

There is absolutely no charge for any Red Cross disaster assistance. All disaster assistance is free - a gift from the American people and others who care.

Disaster Relief Fact Sheet

October 7, 2002

Mass Care:

Immediately after the storms hit the Red Cross opened emergency shelters, providing a safe place for people to go for hot meals, medical assistance, emotional comfort and a place to sleep until they were able to return to their homes or found other temporary housing.

• Total number of Red

Cross shelters opened during both Isidore and Lili: 39

• Total number of people registered at shelter: 1676

The Red Cross and the Southern Baptist have been provided mobile feeding throughout the affected areas, serving hot meals, snacks and beverages to area residents and emergency workers.

• Number of Fixed Feeding Sites: 3

• Number of Mobile Feeding Units in the field: 21

• Total number of meals and snacks served to date: 38,013

Going street by street in the hardest hit areas, Red Cross volunteers distributed much needed clean-up supplies such as: mops, brooms, trash bags and gloves, bleach and bug spray.

• Total number of Red Cross Clean-up Kits distributed to date: 981

• Total number of other clean-up items distributed to date: 1341

Family Services:

A toll free disaster assistance helpline was established to provide assistance to victims of both Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili. Disaster victims may call the Red Cross at 1-866 GET INFO (866-438-4636) or TDY 1-800-526-1417 with questions or

to find the location of the nearest Red Cross Service Center or office.

Red Cross Service Centers and Outreach teams continue to assist victims of the recent storms. Red Cross Family Services interviewers meet one-on-one with individuals and families to determine their disaster-caused needs and to assess how the Red Cross can help.

Assistance may include providing the means for individuals and families to pay for what they need most and/or referrals to appropriate agencies.

• Total number of family service cases opened to date: 533

• Total number of Home Visits completed to date: 265

• Total number of Outreach Contact and/or Referrals to date: 190

Disaster Health Services:

Disaster Health Services nurses and health care providers have been seeing clients in Service Centers, at Shelters, on Out Reach visits and at mobile Aid Stations to help meet their immediate medical and health needs.

Disaster Health Services has been assisting with the replacement of lost medications and eye glasses, as well as making referrals to

other community health care agencies.

• Number of Health Care Contacts to date: 499

• Number of Home/Hospital Visits completed to date: 33

Disaster Mental Health:

Disaster Mental Health has been providing emotional support to those affected by the recent storms. Mental health workers are speaking with clients in Service Centers, during Outreach visits and at mobile Aid Stations

• Number of Mental Health Contacts to date: 746

Volunteers & Other Relief workers:

Local volunteers are being supported by other dedicated disaster relief workers from throughout the state and across the country.

• Total number of Red Cross relief workers assisting to date: 620

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Disaster aid authorized for storm recovery

Federal disaster aid has been made available for Mississippi to help people and communities recover from the flooding rains unleashed by Tropical Storm Isidore, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced.

FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh said the assistance was authorized under a major disaster declaration issued for the state by President Bush. The declaration covers damage to private and public property caused by Isidore, which began affecting the state's coastline on Sept. 23.

Following the President's action, Allbaugh designated seven counties eligible for aid to stricken residents and business owners. The counties include Amite, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Pike and Stone. The assistance, to be coordinated by FEMA, can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, emergency home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not compensated by insurance.

Additionally, Allbaugh said federal funds will be provided for the state and affected local governments to pay 75 percent of the eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities in the counties of Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lincoln, Pearl River and Pike.

Funding also will be available on a cost-shared basis for approved projects that reduce future disaster risks in Harrison and Hancock counties.

He named Michael Bolch of FEMA to coordinate the federal relief effort.

Bolch said those who sustained losses in the counties designated for aid to affected residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

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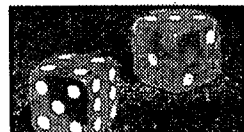
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'Swamp stompin' good time' at Discovery Center

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On Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., come to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for a "Swamp Stompin' Good Time."

Visitors can experience the wetlands from a critters' point of view.

"With our focus on the environment, we've planned a fun-filled day," says Melanie Harris, event coordinator, "that offers activities and entertainment with insects and critters in mind."

Use twigs, string and leaves to build a nest and balance it on the top of a pole like a bird would do. Cheer on your favorite worm at the Worm Olympics.

Imitate a turtle and escape through a fisherman's net by crawling, or challenge yourself to the topsy-turvy, turtle turnover, or scramble towards the finish line in the turtle marathon.

Discover the secret language of bees as you communicate directions to find the "beehive." At the same time, see the art of protective coloration in action as you search the ground for hidden rock critters.

Scout out our wetland creatures on a scavenger hunt with Al E. Gator. Stop by the butterfly petting zoo and hold one of the "flighty" insects.

Float your paper boat at the Bayou Regatta. Concoct a "brown brew" at the Swamp Water Tea Party. Capture a fly in a pitcher plant catch toy you make.

Design your own insect



Dressed for a "Swamp Stompin' Good Time" at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center on Oct. 26 are Frog Aidan Pohl and Snail Marion Pohl from Bay St. Louis.

wings and take flight as a ladybug, butterfly, dragonfly or bat.

Wear your favorite swamp critter costume and join the fun.

Highlighting of the afternoon will be the opening of a mysterious, wooden crate delivered to the Discovery Center for this event. Young visitors will be very excited when the contents are revealed.

For entertainment, enjoy Mr. Pink's musical garden

hoses. Howard Pink, a member of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, plays different types of unique horns during his one-hour show.

Pink ends the show unwrapping a 22-foot garden hose with a kitchen funnel on the end which he "plays" while the children reel the hose for the vibration caused by the music.

LMDC Chorus and WINGS dancers team up with giant puppets to star

in excerpts from the hit musical "Swamp Song" that features local Coast thespian Bobby Steele and Cody Nealous, Jackson radio personality.

Learn Cajun dance steps as the Gulf Coast Fiddlers and Boudreaux, the Rajun Cajun Crawfish perform.

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Beauvoir Fall Muster scheduled Oct. 19-20

THE SEA COAST ECHO

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Observe military drills, medical demonstrations, and skirmishes, combined with band concerts, a church service and demonstrations of camp life.

The Junior Muster is a program designed to provide hands-on participation in the areas of infantry, artillery, cavalry and naval drills for children of all ages.

Guests may also partake in a traditional 19th century ladies tea.

The Yesteryear Young Dancers will demonstrate and teach period dances, so be sure to wear your dancing shoes.

Visitors can spend the day or the entire weekend as food service is available on site and religious services will be held.

An outdoor mass will be conducted Saturday at 4:30 p.m. while a 19th century-style church service will be held on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Special educational lectures will occur in the reading room of the Jefferson



Davis Presidential Library.

They Stars and Bars Gift Shop will offer unique gift opportunities, including the Fall Muster T-shirt and poster, 19th century reproduction children's toys and a wide selection of books on the War for Southern Independence. Sutler's Row will offer 19th century reproductions for sale.

Admission for one-day or two-day tickets is, respectively:

Adults: \$7.50 or \$10
Students (7 and older): \$4.50 and \$6.

Seniors (65+), AAA, and Active Military \$6.75 and \$9

Children under 5: free.

Muster hours are 9 a.m.-

5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Concessions will be available on-site. Overflow parking will be adjacent to Beauvoir at the Mississippi

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vehicle. Beauvoir is located on Hwy. 90 in Biloxi.

For information, contact the Tours and Programs office at 228-388-9074.

Mrs. Mississippi America Pageant accepts applicants

THE SEA COAST ECHO

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Contestants entering before Dec. 31 will receive an "Early Entry Savings" of \$100 toward state entry fee.

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